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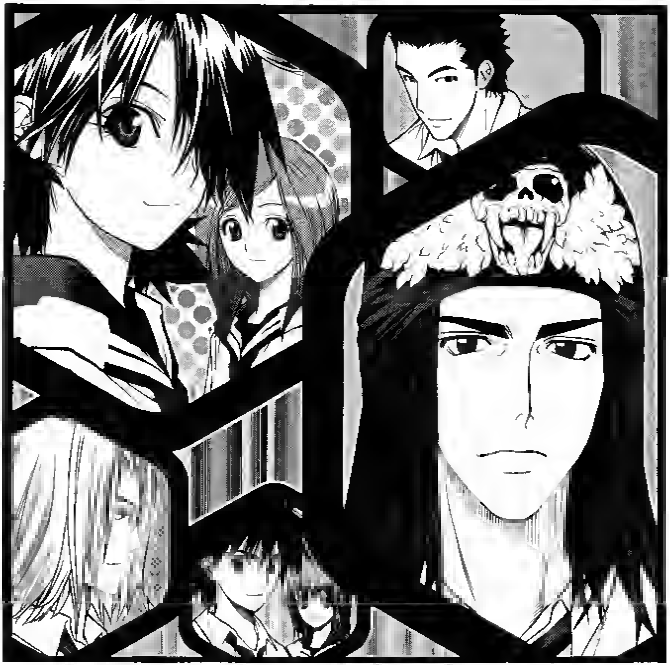

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M:68 THE MAN CALLED KUZUMI

WHAT ARE YOU DOING——!? BIG FOREHEAD PUNK——
GUAAAAAAA!
!! NAMEZUKA ...SAN, WHAT ARE...
LET GO OF ME!!
JUST TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT KUZUMI
BIG FORE HEAD
I'M NOT IN AN INTER-ROGATIVE MOOD
OVERWHELMING POWER!!

B...
BUT...
WH...

ISE!!
A PRIVATE QUARREL BETWEEN FELLOW MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS?
ISE?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
IT'S TROUBLE-SOME IF YOU DO THAT HERE
WHY ARE YOU HERE -?
NO PARTICULAR REASON I COME HERE A LOT
IT'S NOT A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF PEOPLE COME
THINGS LIKE OPENING CERE-MONIES ARE BORING
HEH! GOT 'EM!

I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO ROUGH, NAGAI.
MAYBE I DID A BIT TOO MUCH
I DIDN'T REALLY PLAN ON DOING ANYTHING TO YOU
WHEN IT COMES TO A MISSION I CHANGE COMPLETELY
WELL, AS A THIRD YEAR, I DON'T REALLY CARE OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS BUILDING
YOU SHOULDN'T BE DITCHING
YOU UNDER-STAND THAT I DIDN'T COME TO PLAY RIGHT?
I DON'T LIKE ACTING DULL I LIKE TO FINISH THINGS FAST
MIS-SION ?
YOU TWO SHOULD KNOW THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN AND THAT YOU CAN'T FACE ME
MY 'MAGIC HAND MIGHT BE SO SIMPLE AS TO ALLOW ME TO GRAB FAR AWAY THINGS EASILY BUT
THE TARGET CAN NOT DO ANYTHING EXCEPT GET CAUGHT

WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING SPECIAL FROM HIM ABOUT HIS PAST.
YEAH... HE'S AS I TOLD YOU...
...IS THAT ALL?

HE'S NOT USING IT?
SPEAKING OF STRANGE THINGS, HE'S NOT USING HIS MAGIC MUCH..

HMM, WELL... IF HE ALREADY HAS A GOLD PLATE... HE DOESN'T NEED TO IMPROVE HIS MAGIC ANYMORE... IT'S NOT THAT STRANGE...
HE GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF BEING ABLE TO TAKE A SILVER PLATE LEVEL AT ANY TIME.
IT'S THE FEELING I'VE GOT... AN IMPERTINENT GUY
WELL, THINKING ABOUT IT, IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO USE IT AGAINST A FIRST OR SECOND YEAR STUDENT

CANCELLED ?
WITH MAGIC ?
THE POWER DROPPED IN ONE SHOT
ME, TOO. WHEN I TRIED TO FORCE HIM TO USE MAGIC,
IN RETURN, MY MAGIC GOT CANCELLED
YEAH.
I THINK IT GOT ERASED...
PROB-ABLY,
A MAGIC TO ERASE MAGIC, HUH...?
IS THERE SUCH A THING? I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT IT.
HAH... I REALLY HAVE TO GO SEE HIM DIRECTLY
BUT I SHOULDN'T WALK OPENLY IN THIS BUILDING
I'M A THIRD YEAR

THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH HIM BEING IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF INVESTIGATION YOU'RE DOING, BUT KUZUMI IS SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE.
NAME-ZUKA-SAN.
AH! DON'T TALK TO KUZUMI ABOUT ME.
LET'S KEEP IT SECRET FOR THE TIME BEING.
IT'S LIKE YOU COULD LAUGH TOGETHER.
USUALLY, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BREATHE THE SAME AIR.
KUKURU
ASIDE FROM THAT...
SINCE WHEN DID YOU RECONCILIATE?
IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT...
NO... IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT.
NO... THAT WASN'T ME, IT WAS ROCKY...
THAT'S WHY I KNOCKED THE SKELETON.
AGH...
Who's big fore-head!?
AH— AND.
NO... WELL, THIS IS THANKS TO KUZUMI, TOO...
TCH... BY THE WAY, WHY DID I STAY HERE...

EMPLOYEE OFFICE ROOM
ROOM A
...
COULD IT BE... THAT...?
ERASING
...
MAGIC ...?
A MAGIC THAT ERASES MAGIC?
?
GO THERE AS MY MESSENGER TO TAKE THE EMPLOYEE FILES.
AND, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, GO LOOK AT KUZUMI.
WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY HIM.
WELL...
I ALSO DON'T REMEMBER OF ANY...

AND CONFIRM THAT MAGIC THAT ERASES MAGIC
YEAH OF COURSE THIS IS A SECRET INVESTIGATION OF THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

KUZUMI-KUN, I'M LEAVING FIRST TO CLEAN.

IT'S OVER, IT'S OVER
WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?

I HEARD YOU GOT A ROOM
DO YOU NEED HELP WITH CLEANING?
OK! I'LL BE THERE SOON, TOO

DON'T TSUGAWA-KUN.
YOU MAY BE A NUISANCE TO THEM...
AH, THAT'S TRUE.
TCH SHUT UP
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF RIOT CAN OCCUR IN THIS COMING YEAR, SO DON'T THINK OF ANY SUGGESTIVE THINGS.
A LOT OF TROUBLE CAN HAPPEN.
WELL, DON'T FLIRT WITH HER BECAUSE NOONE IS LOOKING
GEEZ.
?
NGA!
THAT HURTS.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU PUT IN A LITTLE TOO MUCH STRENGTH?
AH... EH?

SORRY ...
WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT, LITE.
WHAT WAS THAT? I GOT THE FEELING SOMEONE GRABBED ME, BUT...
WHAT !?
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU LITTLE ~~~!!
NGA NGA NGA...

KUZUMI
DON'T USE THAT POOR LIE TO PEEP!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU!!!
DAH... THAT'S NOT IT, SOMEONE'S HOLDING MY HEAD!
WHO ARE YOU? YOU... STOP IT!!
HEY, HURRY UP AND STAND UP!
!!?
I-It released me!
WAS THAT MAGIC...? SOMEONE'S MANIPULATION...?
IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE INU!
DAMN! WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE AROUND, I CAN'T TELL WHOSE TRICK IT WAS!
BUT, MORE THAN A MANIPULATION, IT FELT MORE LIKE SOMEONE WAS GRABBING ME.

DAMMIT! WHAT A BAD PRANK!
I'LL EASILY FIND HIM AROUND HERE!! HE WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
GEBH !!
HERE HE IS!! I SEE... SO HE WAS INVISIBLE!
WHO ARE YOU !!?

There's nothing.
!?
No way...
B...BUT SOMETHING IS STILL GRABBING ME...
WHAT'S GOING ON? COULD THIS BE...
A GHOST ?
HII...

GAHA...
WAIT, HEY ...
WAH... AGAIN ...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
:
LETTERS ARE WRITTEN ON MY BREATH ...
TRY TO DEFEND AGAINST THIS MAGIC !
WHERE ARE YOU ——?
WHO IS IT !?
DAA ——!!

I CAN EASILY CATCH EVERY-THING WITHIN A 50M RANGE AS LONG AS I SEE IT
WITH MAGIC HAND,
COME ON OUT HIM BASTARD!
DREADFUL NAMEZUKA! WILL KUZUMI'S SECRET FINALLY BE DISCOVERED!?
MAGIC HAND IS NOT A MAGIC OTHER PEOPLE CAN USE JUST LIKE THAT.
WELL, YOU HAVE TO GET AN ACCURATE SENSE OF DISTANCE TO USE IT PROPERLY.
HE HAS ONLY DEALT WITH SECOND YEARS, AT BEST, SO FAR.
LET ME FINISH MY MISSION QUICKLY, I WANT TO GO BACK.
HURRY UP AND USE IT, THAT "MAGIC THAT ERASES MAGIC".
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IS THIS THE END OF HIS SCHOOL LIFE!?

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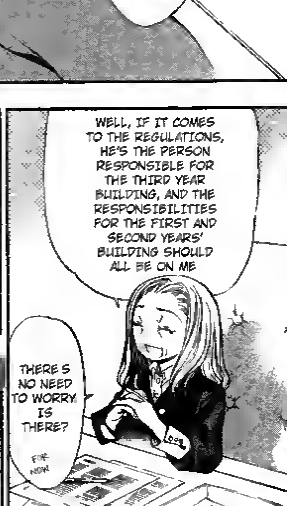
M:69 MO'S TRUE FORM!?

THE VICE PRINCIPAL ASKED ABOUT KUZUMI?
IT SEEMS HE HAD NOTICED HIM BEFORE BUT WHEN HE HAD TO BE MY SUBSTITUTE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, HE GOT A LITTLE MORE...
The rest options around Kuzumi.
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

HE HATES TO THE EXTREME THINGS THAT GO AGAINST THE REGULATIONS.
IF HE FINDS OUT ABOUT KUZUMI, WHAT KIND OF A FUSS IS HE GOING TO MAKE...

BUT HE REAAAAALLY MADE AN EVIL FACE
AND HE WAS AAAAALL GLARING AT THE PRINCIPAL!
REALLY CREEEPY GUY——
HEY, HEY.


WELL, IF IT COMES TO THE REGULATIONS, HE'S THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THIRD YEAR BUILDING, AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS' BUILDING SHOULD ALL BE ON ME.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, IS THERE?
LOOK
FINE NOW

BUT HE'S A RELIABLE PERSON.
FU~N
IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S MAKING TOO MUCH FUSS ABOUT A FEW REGULATIONS,
AS VICE PRINCIPAL, HE'S HANDLING THE TROUBLES WELL.

NO, HE WON'T.
HE WON'T BULLY TAIGA?

HAH
HAH
HAH

TRY TO DEFEND AGAINST THIS MAGIC
HE WANTS TO CLAIM HE DEFEATED ME?
DAMMIT! TRY TO DEFEND AGAINST THIS MAGIC?
HE'S A PROVOC-ATIVE GUY.
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A FRANK ANY-MORE.
IT TURNED COMPLETELY INTO HIM PICKING A FIGHT.

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A MAGIC TO GRAB THINGS
BUT, AFTER BEING CAUGHT, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO RESIST
THE USER IS PROBABLY AROUND HERE WATCHING.
EITHER HE HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH OR IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO RESIST TO BEGIN WITH...
DAMN ~~~ WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I CAN DEFEND MY BODY USING MO, BUT
IF HE'S NOT ABLE TO CATCH ME, HE'LL PROBABLY GIVE UP AND RUN AWAY
I'LL CATCH HIM FOR SURE!!
I WON'T LET HIM GO AWAY SILENTLY AFTER GOING THIS FAR.
IT'S GOING TO BE A LITTLE ROUGH, BUT I'LL DRAG HIM OUT.
TCH... HOW LONG IS HE PLANNING TO HIDE?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SPARE

Idiot, st... Stop that!!
Wh-
!!?
ALL RIGHT, HE'S COMING OUT...
!!?
WHAT'S THAT? IS IT HIS MAGIC !!?

GO HOCCHA~~~
SINCE HE'S HOT INVISIBLE, THE ENEMY SHOULD BE HIDING IN THE DIRECTION I CAME FROM!!
MAGIC HAND !!
TCH... HE'S MADE OUT OF SMOKE !?
THERE ISN'T A PLACE ON HIM I CAN GRAB!
THEN, THE WHOLE BODY...!!!

WHAT!? HIDDEN INSIDE?
So it was you!!
What was all that for?

DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!!! I'M GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS!
DAHA
H!!
STUDENT COUNCIL BUILDING A
MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
IDIOT! YOU MAY HAVE FOUND ME, BUT I WON'T LET YOU GET NEAR ME.
NAME-ZUKA ?

A LOT HAS BEEN REPORTED ABOUT KUZUMI BEFORE, I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S INVESTIGATING THAT NOW.
A THIRD-YEAR HAS COME HERE?
YEAH, HE TOLD ME TO NOT TELL KUZUMI.
BUT IT SEEMS HE'S UNDER AN INVESTIGATION.
...UNDERSTOOD.

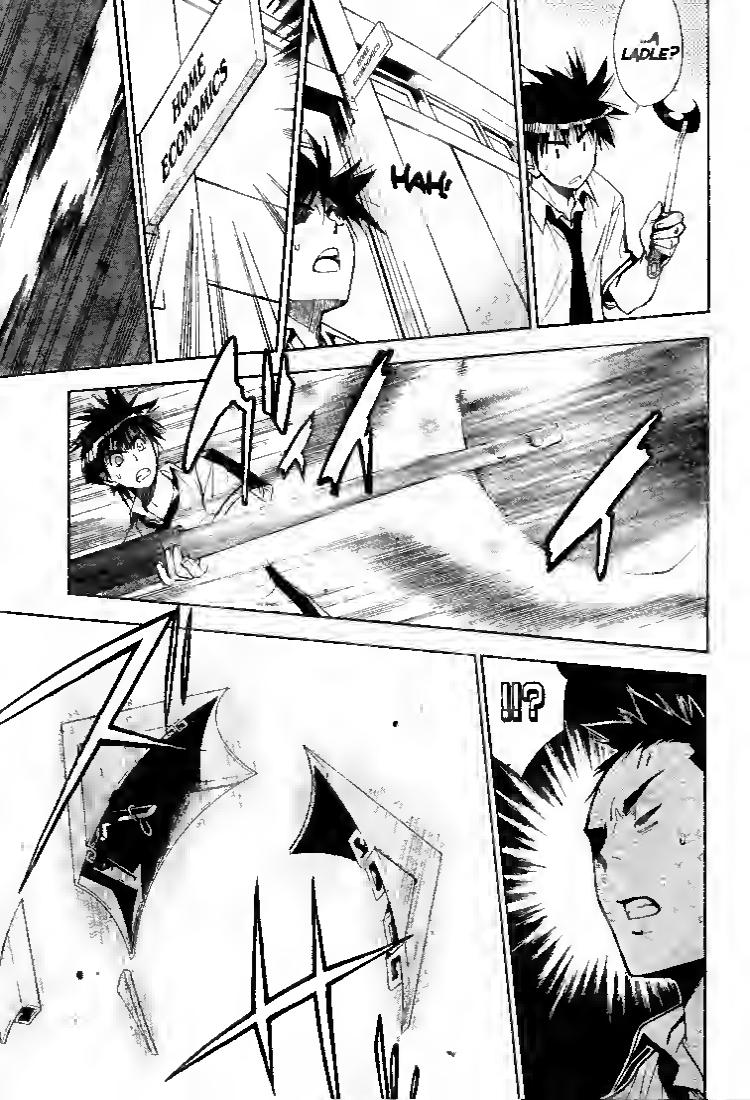
IT'S NOT GOOD IF HE'S BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE VICE PRINCIPAL.
THE THIRD YEARS' MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS UNDER DIRECT ORDERS FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL.
AS I THOUGHT A SUSPICIOUS MOVE...

ON THE FIRST FLOOR!!
HMM LET'S SEE IT SEEMS HE PASSED BY THE SCIENCE ROOM
LUCY, CAN YOU TELL WHAT KUZUMI'S POSITION IS?
IT'S GOING TO BE TROUBLESOME IF THE PACT KUZUMI IS USING MO IS KNOWN...
HAVING JUST NOW @HNN, THEY'VE BEGUN TO BE USED AS LUCY'S NETWORK.
DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS, LUCY PLANTED MANDRAKE SEEDS HERE AND THERE WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

BASTARD! WHO ARE YOU?
IF YOU'RE A FIRST YEAR, I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR FACE... AND IF YOU'RE A SECOND YEAR,
WHY ARE YOU TARGETING ME?
HMPH ...
YOU'RE A LITTLE INSOLENT, SO I THOUGHT, HOW ABOUT I PLAY WITH YOU FOR A BIT.
ALL RIGHT, NOW THAT YOU DISCOVERED ME. HOW ABOUT PLAYING A BIT SERIOUSLY?
PLAYING A BIT ROUGH.
NGAH ...!!

LUCY!! I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU NOW!
I FOUND YOU, FOUND YOU!
Meee
IT'S DANGEROUS SO GO OVER...
WAIT, TAIGA!
HUH!? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
HIIRAGI-SENSEI SAID YOU MUSTN'T USE ME...
THAT'S NOT IT DON'T TALK, JUST LISTEN
THEN... WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS IT'S BAD TO USE IT
THAT "MAGIC THAT ERASES MAGIC"
GO ON, USE IT!!

SHOW ME HOW YOU DO IT!!
YOU CAN ERASE MAGIC, RIGHT?
HE HE KNOWS ABOUT MO?
DAH ...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HAH!
A LADLE?
!!?

THIS ONE IS A BIG EATER!!
ALL RIGHT, IF YOU WANT ERASING, I'LL SHOW YOU.
URAA !!
I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE IF YOU DISAPPEAR, TOO!

GAH... WHAT?
WHAT'S THAT FIENDISH MAGIC ～～～!?
KUH... BUT AS LONG AS I CAN CATCH IT, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

DOAH—!!!
DON'T BE SO RECKLESS!!
WAH—!! WAIT, WAIT 〰〰!!

DADDY HIIRAGI ?
I GIVE UP..
I...
BUT, KEEP IT SECRET
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KNOW ABOUT MY MAGIC,
THERE'S NO WAY TO ERASE MAGIC ITSELF
THE TRUTH IS
UNFORTUNATELY YOU CAN ERASE THINGS WITH MAGIC BUT
IS THAT ALL RIGHT ?
...
VICTORY THANKS TO AN ABOMINABLE MEMORY!?

GEEZ, IT MADE ME REMEMBER A VERY SCARY MAGIC.
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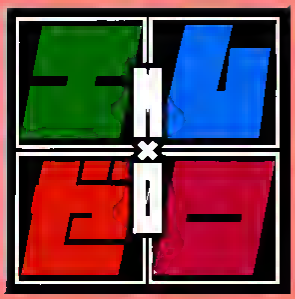

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M:70 THE ANNEX OF THE TWO (?)

BY NOT USING M.O. IT ENDED UNDISCOVERED!!

WELL, I DIDN'T FIND ANY PROBLEMS.
WE THE THIRD YEAR COMMITTEE ALSO WANTED TO VALIDATE THAT DECISION.
SETTING YOU, A NEWCOMER, FOR ALL THE FIRST YEARS WAS TOO MUCH OF A SPECIAL CASE
WE'RE ENTRUSTING BUILDING A THE ONE FOR FIRST AND SECOND YEARS, TO THE BRANCH HERE BUT

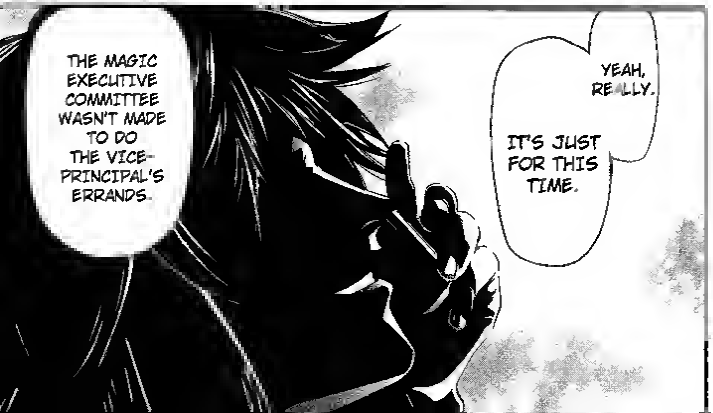
NOTHING TO COMPARE TO A FIRST YEAR'S LEVEL
AND IT SEEMS THAT THE MAGIC YOU USED HAS A TEACHER CLASS MAGIC POWER
IT SEEMS YOU HAVE A POWER WORTHY OF A GOLD PLATE
HMM ...
IN CASE YOU ARE ASKED WHY YOU HAVE A GOLD PLATE
...THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL USE AS A COVER STORY.
AT THE TIME KUZUMI JOINED THE SCHOOL
DURING THAT TIME, I TRAINED A LOT IN MAGIC.
BUT, UNTIL I TRANSFERRED INTO SEINAGI, MY MEMORIES HAD BEEN ERASED.
AHAHA... BECAUSE OF SOME CIRCUMSTANCES I HAPPENED TO LIVE INSIDE A MAGIC ZONE IN THE PAST.
ANYWAY, YOU HAVE MORE MAGIC POWER THAN US THIRD YEARS.
RUTHENIUM PLATE
BUT I, TOO STILL HAVE SOME TRUMP CARDS
EVEN IN THIRD YEAR THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO MISTAKE IT WITH GOLD
IF I WAS PLAYING SERIOUSLY, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU DOWN
I... I DON'T WANT TO TRY

*RUTHENIUM A BRITTLE WHITE METALLIC ELEMENT, USED IN THE HARDENING OF PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM ALLOYS SYMBOL: Ru

I WON'T BE PROVOKED, BECAUSE I DON'T USE MAGIC FOR FIGHTS.
SO IT WOULD BE WISE TO NOT DO USELESS THINGS.
I BEG YOU, PLEASE DON'T MEDDLE WITH ME.
KUZUMI IS SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE.
THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH HIM BEING IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
KUZUMI.
PLEASE HELP NAGAI AND THE OTHERS.
SOMEHOW, THEY'RE NOT ALL TOO RELIABLE.
OKAY...
WELL... IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'LL TURN LIKE THE OLD ISE.
HUMPH...
I SEE...

INDEED, IF HE CAN USE THAT MAGIC ABILITY, HE'S A HIGH GRADE MAGIC USER
SO IN THE END, IT DIDN'T ERASE THE MAGIC EFFECT, BUT "THINGS" CAUGHT BY THE MAGIC?

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU DO UNNEEDED WORK
THANKS FOR YOUR WORK. IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW
YOU CAN'T POSSESS A PLATE TO USE MAGIC AND "THAT".
IN ANY CASE, IF HE CAN USE MAGIC, IT'S DIFFERENT FROM "THAT".


THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WASN'T MADE TO DO THE VICE-PRINCIPAL'S ERRANDS.
YEAH, REALLY.
IT'S JUST FOR THIS TIME.

THIS SIDE'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS
THAT'S THE STORY, NAMEZUKA. YOU CAN COME BACK.
GOT IT!
HUH? I DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM.
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT USELESS THINGS.
LET'S LET THEM DO WHAT THEY WANT WITH THEIR BRANCH.
IF THE POWER OF US THIRD YEARS IS NEEDED, THEY'LL HAVE TO COME CRYING TO US ASKING FOR IT.

VICE-CHIEF, ARE YOU AROUND?
HM?
HEEY, YOU'RE BEING CALLED.
WHAT?
IT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME TO WALK BACK. PLEASE CONNECT A PATHWAY
TO THAT ROOM.
HOI.
GEEZ~ YOU'RE ANNOY-ING~~~
THEN PASTE THE RED 7
RUBIC DOOR!

9
THANKS
9

AND THEN, HOW WAS HE? THAT KUZUMI
EH ~~~? THAT'S ANNOYING !!
WAH——! PUT IT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!!
HE MAY BE ABOVE YOU, SASHI
HM? OH YEAH

HE～～
IT'S ALL BACK TO HOW IT WAS!

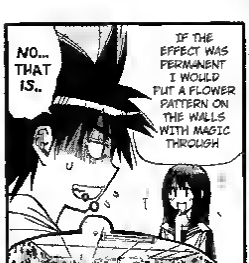
AFTER THE MAGIC OUT EVERYTHING THAT GOT EATEN REVERTS BACK TO HOW IT WAS.

MO'S EXISTENCE WAS ALMOST REVEALED...
BUT THE FACT THAT MY PLATE GOT REPAIRED SOONER THAN EXPECTED SAVED US.

FUFU...
YOU MEAN SOMEONE WHO WILL HAVE MY SEAT SOME-DAY?

AVOID USING IT IN A WAY WHERE IT IS EVIDENT THAT IT ERASES MAGIC ENTIRELY.
USE IT INDIRECTLY ... WITHOUT BEING NOTICED.
KU-ZUMI,
BE REALLY CAUTIOUS WHEN USING MO FROM NOW ON.
IF THAT VICE PRINCIPAL FINDS OUT, WHAT'LL HAPPEN?
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED
HA~~~ HOW TROUBLE-SOME...
Both you and I will have to say farewell to the school.
He's a man who gives neither exception nor special treatment.
HAU~~~
SOMEHOW, IT FEELS LIKE THE TROUBLES INCREASED WHEN THE SECOND TERM BEGAN.
I-I-I- IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
GWUG. PAINFUL ...
I'LL PROTECT YOU, TAIGA ~~~!!!

AH ~~~ NO GOOD... HIIRAGI IS DOING THE CLEANING ALONE!!
EH?
MY ONLY COMFORT IS THE ANNEX
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KUZUMI-KUN? IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE AN ANNEX NOW, RIGHT?
MIZUKI-SAN HELPED, TOO, SO WE FINISHED REALLY FAST.
I... I HAPPENED TO HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO...
RIGHT?

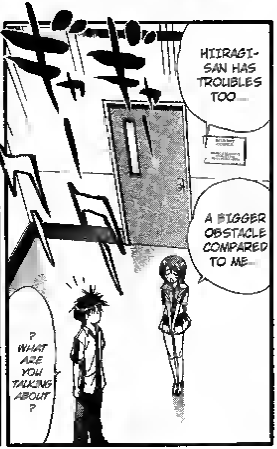


■BACKGROUND: IT'S KUZUMI'S AND MY ROOM!!

BECAUSE I DIDN'T TELL YOU
I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THAT!!
WH... WHAT !!?
KUZUMI-KUN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!!
KUZUMI... YOU !!
I'VE DECIDED TO DO IT!!
I ALREADY GOT KUZUMI-KUN AND THE SENPAI'S PERMISSION.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL JOIN SUCH A THING AS THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
NOT TO MENTION THE PART ABOUT BEING KUZUMI'S HELPER!
EVEN THOUGH I MADE THE DECISION TO DO RIGHTEOUS THINGS WHICH BROUGHT OUT ALL MY COURAGE,
YOU WOULD LIKE TO DENY THAT, DAD!?

THE AIR ISN'T GOOD AROUND HERE. LET'S GO OUT
DAD, YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED ME!!
NGA GAGA ——!!!
FATHER WHO HAS LOST SIGHT INTO WHAT WAS THE FOCUS OF HIS ANGER

AHAHAHA IT'S NOTHING


HIIRAGI-SAN HAS TROUBLES TOO...
A BIGGER OBSTACLE COMPARED TO ME...
? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?

OK, IT'S E-NOUGH FOR TODAY
WELL, EVEN IF HIIRAGI-SAN IS UNABLE TO HELP, I'LL LEND YOU A HAND

!!?

I WONDER HOW IT WILL TURN...
IT WOULD BE NICE FOR AIKA TO BE ALLOWED TO STAY

KU
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!!?
DON'T
...
PUT AIKA IN DANGER
...
Y... YES.
SO HE LOST...
DON'T WORRY, I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO...
NGH
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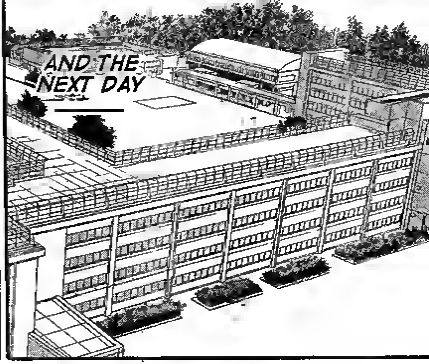
DON'T SAY STINKY THINGS IN FRONT OF ME!!

HE WAS SHOCKED
GEEZ～ AFTER THAT DAD DIDN'T SAY A WORD AT HOME, YOU KNOW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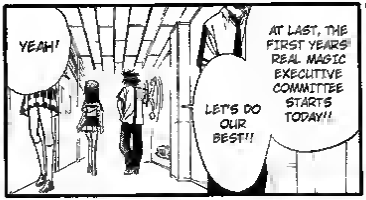
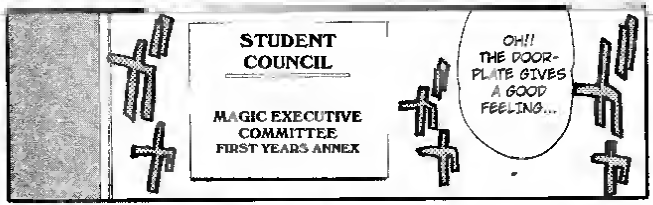

YEAH!
LET'S DO OUR BEST!!
AT LAST, THE FIRST YEARS' REAL MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STARTS TODAY!!

BUT IT'S GREAT HE ALLOWED YOU TO STAY.
WELL, HE'S THAT KIND OF CHILDISH GUY...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OH!! THE DOOR-PLATE GIVES A GOOD FEELING...

THE ANTENNA ISN'T COMING OUT.
FOR NOW, WHAT NEED'S TO BE SHOWN IS SHOWING.
I'M PUTTING THE DARTS HERE.
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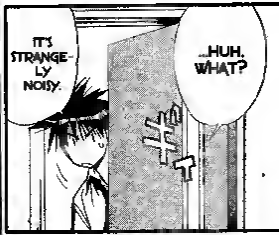
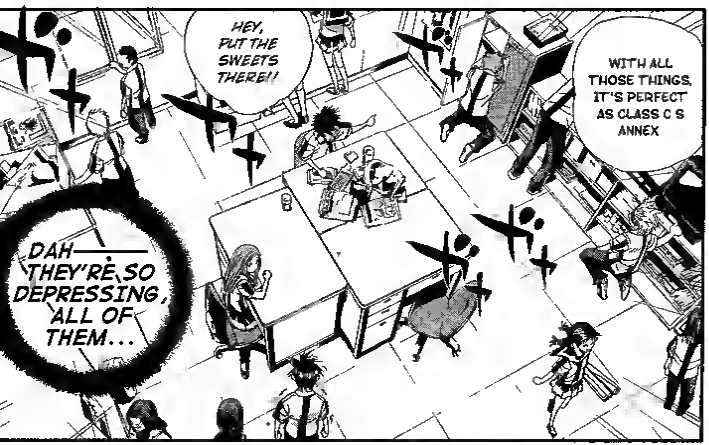
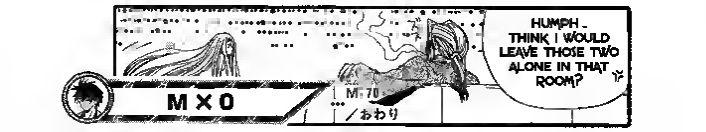

IT'S STRANGE-LY NOISY.
...HUH. WHAT?

I GOT A CALL FROM HIIRAGI-SENSEI LAST NIGHT
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?
SHOULD I PUT ALL THE MANGA HERE?
AAAAH KUZUMI YOU'RE HERE!

AS A FAT'HER ..!!
SO~~~ MEHOW, IT SEEMS THE WORD SPREAD IN THE CLASS
HE GOT YOU HUH
HUH !?
HE SAID IT WAS A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR TWO PEOPLE, SO WE CAN COME AND HELP WHEN POSSIBLE.


DAH— THEY'RE SO DEPRESSING, ALL OF THEM...
HEY, PUT THE SWEETS THERE!!
WITH ALL THOSE THINGS, IT'S PERFECT AS CLASS C S ANNEX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HUMPH . THINK I WOULD LEAVE THOSE TWO ALONE IN THAT ROOM?

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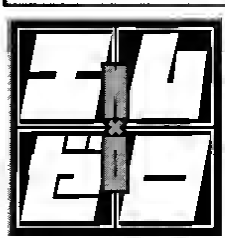
WE CAN EVEN DISGUISE OURSELVES AS MASCOTS!? DO YOUR BEST CHICKEN, KUZUMI!!



CHAPTER 30

(SUMMARY)
KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC. BUT IN THE SCHOOL HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND TERM, AIKA BECOMES KUZUMI'S HELPER IN THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. MEANWHILE, NAMEZUKA FROM THE THIRD YEARS' COMMITTEE (SENT BY VICE PRINCIPAL KAGAMI, WHO IS SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL'S ACTIONS) GETS CRUSHED BY KUZUMI WITHOUT HIM USING MO'

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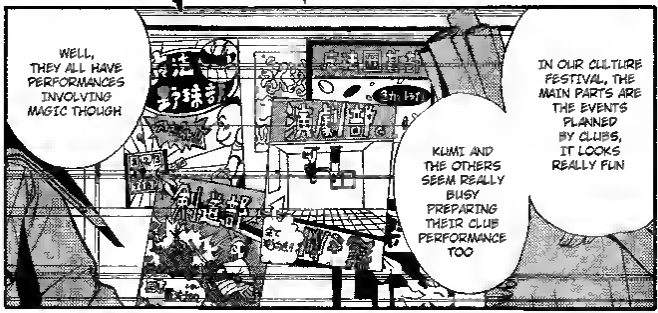
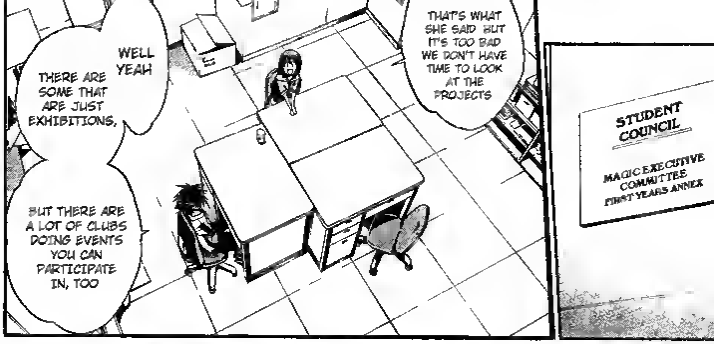
AS CONFUSING AS A BATTLEFIELD!
ASTRONOMY CLUB'S BOOTH
Stuff is passing by!! Please be careful!!
HEEEY, DON'T FORGET THE VINYL TAPE!
THE PAINT IS DRYING.
HEY, IS IT SAFE TO OPEN?
THE FIRST FLOOR'S COPYING MACHINE IS OUT OF ORDER
ISN'T THERE SOMEONE AROUND WITH COPY MAGIC?
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PAPER VELLUM.


WELL, THEY ALL HAVE PERFORMANCES INVOLVING MAGIC THOUGH
IN OUR CULTURE FESTIVAL, THE MAIN PARTS ARE THE EVENTS PLANNED BY CLUBS, IT LOOKS REALLY FUN
KUMI AND THE OTHERS SEEM REALLY BUSY PREPARING THEIR CLUB PERFORMANCE TOO

POSTERS: MAGIC BASEBALL CLUB – KENDO CLUB – THEATRICAL CLUB – MAGIC GO CLUB

DAH...
BLACK CURTAIN !!
Stop, bastard! We had it first!!
STOP YOU TWO!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
BUT YOU USED IT A WHILE AGO, DIDN'T YOU!?
TCH ALL RIGHT
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T USE IT FOR QUARRELS, DON'T YOU? HERE, WRITE REFLECTION LETTERS!!
EVEN IF WE'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO USE MAGIC FOR PREPARATIONS
BRANCH CHIEF
WELL DONE, KUZUMI
THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IS QUITE INTENSE... BECAUSE THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS ARE TOGETHER
HEY

DURING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL PERIOD, PEOPLE RELATED TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL WITH THE SECURITY. WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOOK AROUND AT CLUB PROJECTS.
EVERYONE IS IN A FESTIVE MOOD, SO THE POSSIBILITY FOR QUARRELS IS HIGH.
WE'LL MAKE KUZUMI TEST THE DANGEROUS-LOOKING ATHLETICS CLUB PROJECT,
THE MAGICAL BUNGY. ♡
WHY IS THAT!?
WELL, THE TRUTH IS THAT TO CONFIRM IF THE CLUB'S EVENTS ARE SAFE,
WE CAN TEST THEM BEFORE THE STUDENTS
BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO THEM ALL
I SEE ...
IF THERE ARE PEOPLE VIOLATING THE REGULATIONS, YOU CAN PUNISH THEM JUST LIKE ONE OF US, TOO, HIIRAGI!!
IN SUCH EVENTS, WE HAVE TO KEEP STUDENTS UNDER CONTROL BY FORCE
BECAUSE WE ARE KEEPING CONTROL IN FRACTIONS,
BRANDISHING THE AUTHORITY'S POWER OVER OUR HEADS!!


WELL YEAH
THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE JUST EXHIBITIONS,
BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF CLUBS DOING EVENTS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN, TOO
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID BUT IT'S TOO BAD WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOOK AT THE PROJECTS
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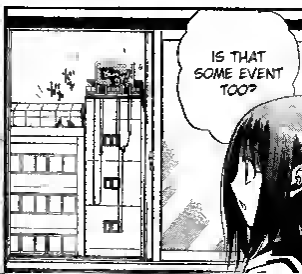
FIRST YEARS ANNEX

KUMI'S GRAPPLING CLUB'S EVENT SEEMS TO BE DEFEATING CLAY MONSTERS IN TIME ATTACK MODE.
AND MITCHON'S SEWING CLUB IS A STUFFED DOLL HOUSE
TSUGAWA SAID THE RACE CLUB WAS DOING A BROOM RACE OCCUPYING THE FOURTH FLOOR

I DON'T WANT TO TRY IT~~~~
Bungy!
COULD THAT BE THE MAGICAL BUNGY?
FROM THE ATHLETIC CLUB WAS IT ?


IS THAT SOME EVENT TOO?

THEY SAID IN THE "EVENT KING RACE", IT SEEMS THERE ARE PRIZES FOR THE 5 PEOPLE GETTING THE MOST POINTS PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS DURING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL DAY.
THE PERSON IN FIRST PLACE WILL GET A GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM THE DRUG MAKER CLUB OF 30000 YEN*!!
YOU CAN GET POINTS IN EVENTS TOO
I WONDER IF WE ALSO GET POINTS FOR THAT
POINTS ?

*$270 US APPROX

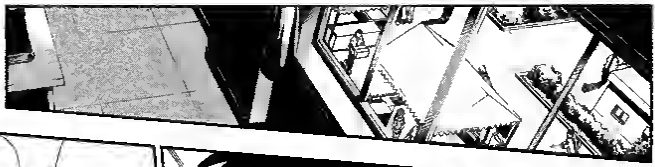
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO NOT DREAM ABOUT IT SINCE IT WON'T HAPPEN...
WE'LL SUPPORT THE OTHERS IN THE SHADOWS SO THAT THEY CAN ENJOY THE EVENTS. WE MUST NOT GIVE UP!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO LOOK AROUND AGAIN!!
THAT'S RIGHT...
IN FACT, THAT GUESS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN AN UNTHINKABLE WAY
THE DAY OF SEINAGI HIGH'S CULTURE FESTIVAL — EARLY MORNING

*SEINAGI HIGH CULTURE FESTIVAL

SIGN: MAGIC COOKING CLUB - HUGE TAKOYAKI**

*NORI: DRIED SEAWEED

**TAKOYAKI: LITERALLY FRIED OR BAKED OCTOPUS. THIS IS A JAPANESE DUMPLING.

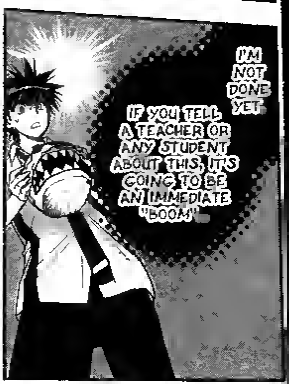


TODAY'S GOING TO BE QUITE A TROUBLESOME DAY, BEING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL. IT'S DEPRESSING TO HAVE THAT USELESS JOB, ISN'T IT?
HEY, IS THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKING HARD?
THAT'S WHY
I'M GOING TO HELP YOU.

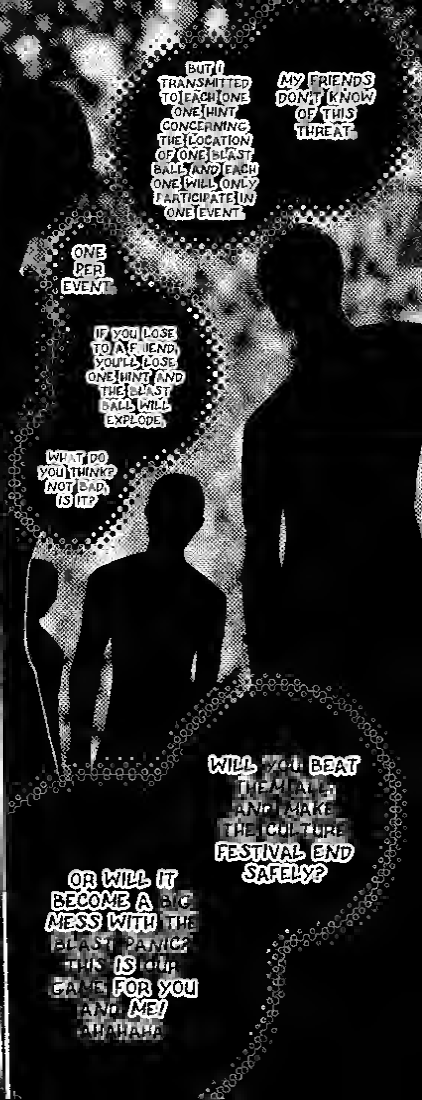
I THINK IT'S PROBABLY "HURRICANE 72" A MAGIC THAT COMPRESSES WIND.
IT'S SIMILAR TO MAGIC I'M USING.
TODAY, IN FOUR EVENT LOCATIONS,
SPECIAL BLAST BALLS HAVE BEEN SET.
EVEN WITHOUT GUN-POWDER IT'S LIKE A BOMB.
WHEN IT DECOMPRESSES, THE BLAST DEVASTATES AN AREA EQUIVALENT TO A GYMNASIUM.
IT'S PROBABLY TALKING ABOUT THIS THAT ONE HAD IT IN ITS MOUTH.
BLAST BALLS?
IT'S DANGEROUS, SO HARUKA FROZE IT WITH MAGIC.

LISTEN TO THE NEXT PART.
NO... IT SEEMS HE HAS A DIFFERENT AGENDA.
THAT'S AWFUL!
DOES HE WANT TO STOP THE FESTIVAL?
IF FOUR OF THESE EXPLODE, THEN THE CULTURE FESTIVAL VENUE WILL VANISH!
A HA HA HA
IF THE BLAST BALLS EXPLODE, THE CULTURE FESTIVAL WILL BE MESSED UP.
AND THEN, YOU GUYS OF THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHO DIDN'T KEEP IT SAFE, WOULD LOSE ALL CREDIT, DON'T YOU THINK?
THIS MATCH
WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?
I WILL ALSO PICK FOUR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE.
YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT, KING RACE.
SO I HAVE A PROPOSITION.
I WANT TO ENJOY THE CULTURE FESTIVAL TO MY FULLEST TOO.

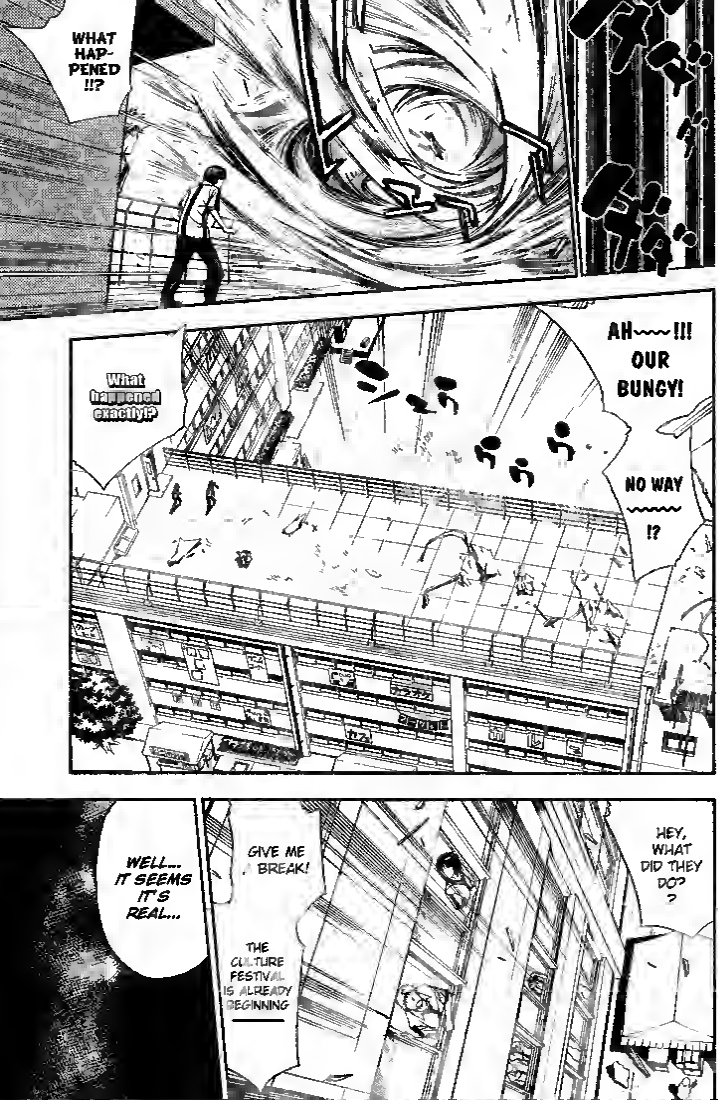
HOW STUPID! DOES HE THINK WE'LL GET ON WITH THIS?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S HIDING BUT IF WE TELL A TEACHER ABOUT THIS, THEY WILL DO A SEARCH OF ALL THE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE CULTURE FESTIVAL BEGINS AND...


I'M NOT DONE YET.
IF YOU TELL A TEACHER OR ANY STUDENT ABOUT THIS, IT'S GOING TO BE AN IMMEDIATE "BOOM."

THE SAME GOES FOR IF YOU TRY TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT ME FROM MY FRIENDS.
I'LL ALWAYS BE WATCHING YOU.
IF I SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, IT'LL BE THE END FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL.


BUT I TRANSMITTED TO EACH ONE ONE HINT CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF ONE BLAST BALL, AND EACH ONE WILL ONLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE EVENT.
MY FRIENDS DON'T KNOW OF THIS THREAT.
ONE PER EVENT.
IF YOU LOSE TO ME HERE, YOU'LL LOSE ONE HINT, AND THE BLAST BALL WILL EXPLODE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? NOT BAD, IS IT?
WILL YOU BEAT THE MALE AND MAKE THE CULTURE FESTIVAL END SAFELY?
OR WILL IT BECOME A BIG MESS WITH THE BLAST PANIC? THIS IS YOUR GAME FOR YOU AND ME! AHAHAHA

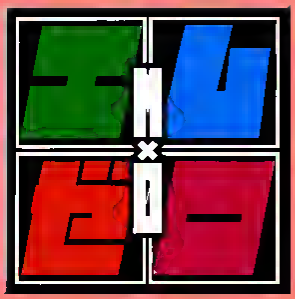
THAT'S WHAT IT'S ABOUT
THAT'S MESSED UP...
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. BUT HE SEEMS TO HOLD A STRONG GRUDGE TOWARDS US OF THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS, HE HAS TO BE A SECOND YEAR.
BECAUSE THIRD YEARS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EXCURSION
OUR OPINION IS...
WE'VE DECIDED... TO ACCEPT THAT PERSON'S CHALLENGE
ARE YOU SERIOUS !?
THERE'S JUST ONE MORE CONFIRMATION WE ARE WAITING FOR...
HE SAID HE SET ANOTHER BLAST BALL ASIDE FROM THOSE FOUR TO EXPLODE AS PROOF THAT THIS THREAT ISN'T A TEASE
AT 7H30.
7:30!! IT'S ALREADY ...


WHAT HAP-PENED !!?
What happened exactly!?
AH~~~!!! OUR BUNGY!
NO WAY~~~~ !?
HEY, WHAT DID THEY DO? ?
GIVE ME A BREAK!
THE CULTURE FESTIVAL IS ALREADY BEGINNING
WELL... IT SEEMS IT'S REAL...

ENTER THE EVENT KING RACE AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES.
YOU TWO...
KUZUMI, HIIRAGI ...
I CAN'T... SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE...
HEY... PLEASE WAIT, THAT IS...
MAYBE THEY WON'T BE THERE TILL JUST BEFORE THEY EXPLODE...
IN THE MEANTIME WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO SEARCH FOR THE BLAST BALLS
IT'S FINE JUST TO MAKE HIM THINK WE "JOINED"
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO WIN ALL THE EVENTS...
THIS TASK IS THE DUTY OF US SECOND YEARS
THAT MAY BE ONE OF HIS OBJECTIVES BUT...
EVEN IF HE MAKES US CRAWL AROUND THE SCHOOL WE WILL KEEP SEARCHING

PUT YOUR OWN LIFE IN THIS BATTLE FOR MY SAKE!!
YOU'D BETTER NOT LOSE, YOU PIECES OF TRASH!!
WELL, IN FACT I'M STILL EXPECTING SOME GOOD RESULTS FROM YOU, THOUGH...

THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BEND OVER, NO MATTER THE OPPONENT!!
ANYWAY, LET'S MAKE THIS CULTURE FESTIVAL END WITHOUT INCIDENT!
KUKUKU...



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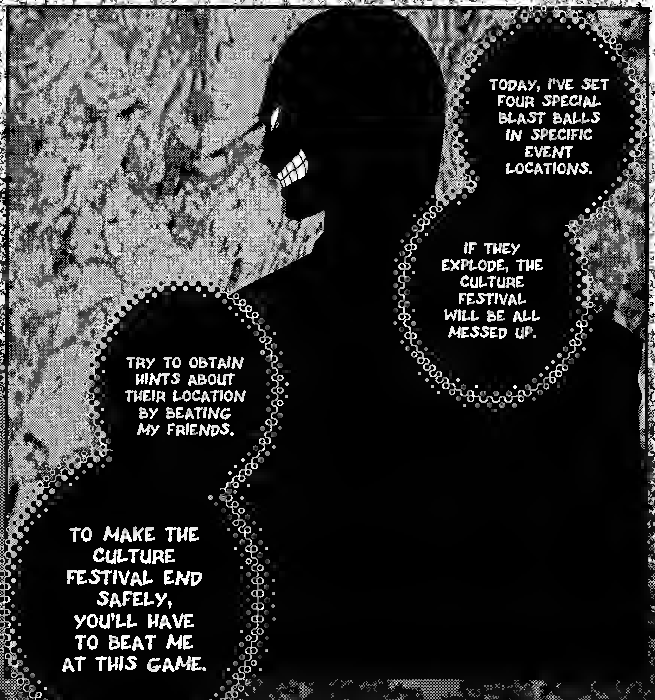
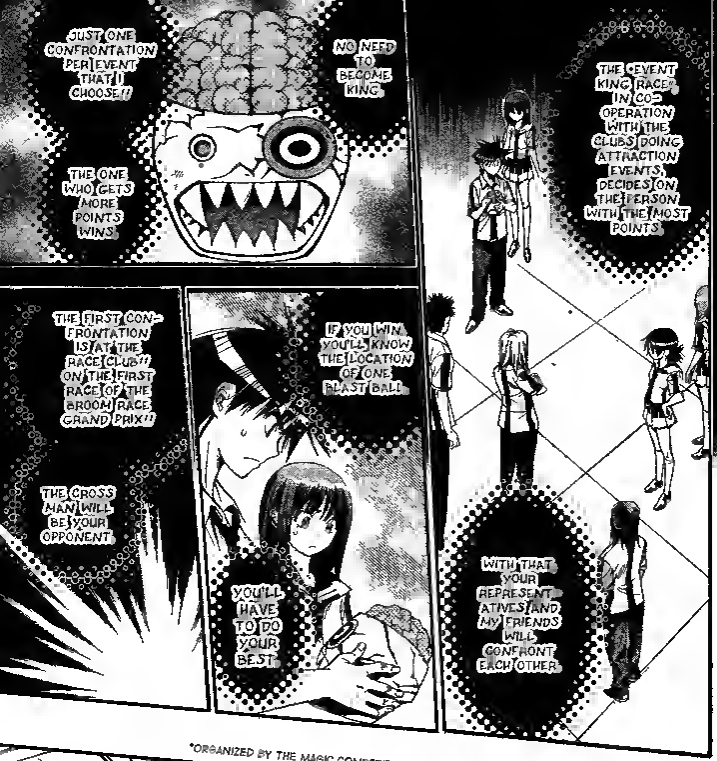
*SEINAGI HIGH CULTURE FESTIVAL


TODAY, I'VE SET FOUR SPECIAL BLAST BALLS IN SPECIFIC EVENT LOCATIONS.
IF THEY EXPLODE, THE CULTURE FESTIVAL WILL BE ALL MESSED UP.
TRY TO OBTAIN HINTS ABOUT THEIR LOCATION BY BEATING MY FRIENDS.
TO MAKE THE CULTURE FESTIVAL END SAFELY, YOU'LL HAVE TO BEAT ME AT THIS GAME.

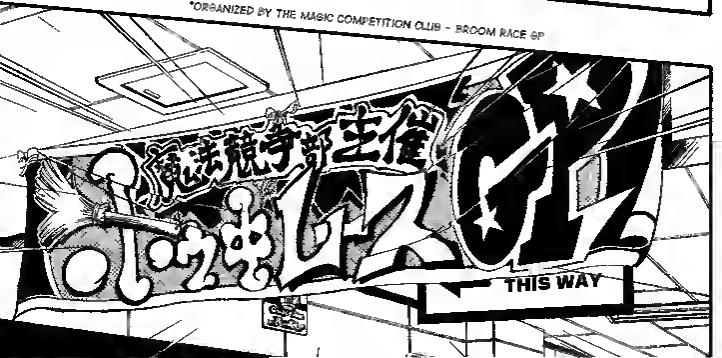
DANGER IS APPROACHING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL!! WILL KUZUMI MANAGE TO PREVENT THE EXPLOSIONS!?

IT'S TIME——!!
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE ARE YOU READY?
IT'LL BE 9AM SOON——!!
LET'S ENJOY THIS WHOLE DAY~!!!
LET SEINAGI HIGH'S CULTURE FESTIVAL BEGIN!
LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH EVERY CORNER OF THE SCHOOL!!
THE THREATENING MESSAGE SAID THERE ARE FOUR BLAST BALLS!!
HOW IS IT——!?
HEY LOOK!
ADVANCE IN LINE!
I'VE WAITED FOR THIS!

NO EXCEPTIONS. WE HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK EVERYWHERE!!
SOME CUSTOMERS ARE INSIDE RIGHT NOW.
JUST LET IT GO AND COOPERATE.
HAVE YOU SEEN ANYTHING SUSPICOUS HERE?
I'M FROM THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!
SIGN HORROR HOUSE
SPIDER S!!!!
WAH! WHAT'S THAT!?
SORRY, IT'LL BE OVER IN NO TIME.
YEAH. EVERYONE IS ENJOYING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THAT GUY HATES THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUT THAT'S DIRTY.
IT TURNED INTO SOMETHING VERY TROUBLESOME


JUST ONE CONFRONTATION PER EVENT THAT I CHOOSE!!
NO NEED TO BECOME KING.
THE ONE WHO GETS MORE POINTS WINS.
THE EVENT KING RACE* IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CLUBS DOING ATTRACTION EVENTS. DECIDES ON THE PERSON WITH THE MOST POINTS.
THE FIRST CONFRONTATION IS AT THE RACE CLUB'' ON THE FIRST RACE OF THE BROOM RACE GRAND PRIX!!
IF YOU WIN, YOU'LL KNOW THE LOCATION OF ONE BLAST BALL.
THE CROSS MAN WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT.
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO YOUR BEST.
WITH THAT, YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND MY FRIENDS WILL CONFRONT EACH OTHER.

*ORGANIZED BY THE MAGIC COMPETITION CLUB - BROOM RACE GP



HUH? DON'T ASK FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE. THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE FIRST RACE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SETTLED
MAKE ME RUN IN THE FIRST ONE!! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!!
IF YOU GO NOW, YOU CAN RUN IN THE FIFTH RACE
KUZUMI!! YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE?
THIS BROOM RACE IS AMAZINGLY FUN!

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT
DO SOMETHING TO GET ME INTO THE FIRST RACE!!
I HAVE TO CONFIRM THAT IT'S SAFE BY RUNNING FIRST
I HAVE TO RUN IN IT AS A MEMBER OF THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*ARM=AND MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ASIDE FROM THAT, HAVE YOU SEEN ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS OR A STRANGE PERSON?
NO, NOT REALLY
I WANT TO RUN TOO!
I'M TELLING YOU IT'S NOT THAT.
IT'S WORK, WORK.
I CAN'T TAKE IT—— YOU JUST WANT TO SIMPLY GO AND RUN FIRST, RIGHT?
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
TSUGAWA, IT'S PART OF THE REGULATIONS WE HAVE TO AGREE
HE'S FROM THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IT CAN'T BE HELPED
Ku-zumi-kun!!
There!!

THAT WAY IS THE WAITING PLACE FOR THE FIRST RACE PARTICIPANTS
MUST BE HIM
BY STRANGE, YOU MEANT THAT MANTLE? HE MUST COME FROM ANOTHER EVENT
HE DIDN'T WRITE HIS NAME WHEN ENTERING
I TOLD HIM IT WASN'T NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATING BUT WITHOUT HIS NAME THE POINTS FOR THE KING RACE WOULDN'T COUNT FOR ANYTHING
THE CROSS MAN WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS IF HE WINS OR LOSES AGAINST ME...
NO MATTER WHAT IS THE CULTURE FESTIVAL'S OUTCOME, WE COULD IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS
BUT IF WE COULD KNOW HIS IDENTITY
WHILE I AM IN THE RACE GO MAKE SURE THERE AREN'T ANY OF "THOSE" HERE
HI-RAGI
WHY ARE THEY GOING THAT FAR?
DID THEY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AROUND HERE...?

IF I COULD USE HER, I COULD REPORT TO DADDY HIIRAGI
WHAT IS LUCY DOING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
HE'LL MAKE THE BL*ST BALLS EXPLODE
IF I SHOW SOME SIGNS OF SEARCHING FOR THE CULPRIT
DAMN~~~ IF I CAUGHT THAT GUY, I COULD MAKE HIM CONFESS EVERYTHING
BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS
THE CULPRIT SAID HE WAS ALWAYS WATCHING FOR US
THE FIRST RACE OF THE BROOM RACE GP ORGANIZED BY THE RACE CLUB IS ON STANDBY!!!
RECEPTION DESK THIS WAY
SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING !!!

CONTROLS ARE SIMPLE!! PULL THE BRIDLE WITH BOTH HANDS TO BRAKE,
PULL LEFT OR RIGHT TO GO IN THAT DIRECTION,
AND TO ACCELERATE, JUST STRIKE THE BRUSH PART WITH YOUR FEET!!
THE COURSE IS COMPOSED OF TWO LAPS OF THE FOURTH FLOOR CORRIDOR!!!
BUT THE EAST AND WEST STAIRCASES ARE CONNECTED BY A WARP ZONE.
START
THE STANDARD TIME IS OF JUST FIVE MINUTES!!
FOR EVERY SECOND YOU ARRIVE EARLY, YOU'LL GET ONE POINT! OF COURSE, IF YOU GET TIME OVER, THAT'LL BE 0 POINTS
THE FASTER YOU ARE, THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF POINTS YOU GET.
IT'S FINE TO USE MAGIC AS LONG IT DOESN'T DISTURB THE OTHERS!
READY

KI HI HI HI
SO YOU ARE MY OPPONENT.
HOW INTERESTING. YOU ALREADY SEEM REALLY DESPERATE.
DON'T COME CRYING. ♪
YOU'RE KUZUMI OF THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RIGHT?
YOU GUYS... IF YOU WANT TO STOP, NOW'S THE TIME
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING INVOLVING PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO ABOUT THAT?
WELL, I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. ♭
READY !!!
Go!
GET SET!!

GO !!!
THIS IS AWE-SOME——!!!
WOAH…
UHI 〰!!

OHH ...
I'M SOMEHOW GETTING THE HANG OF IT..
IF I LOSE HERE, THE BLAST BALL IS GOING TO EXPLODE!!
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE!!
SPEED UP!
UAH

WATCH OUT!
UHE. LOOKS PAINFUL
FIRST CORNER
WAH...!! AGAIN?
GUAH !

THAT'S SCARY!
!!?
JUST NOW, I SAW SOMETHING LIKE A THREAD
!?
WHAT'S THIS?

GLUE ...?
IT'S STICKING!! WHAT IS THIS THING?
!!?
NOW IT'S JUST REGULAR WATER... WHAT HAPPENED?
HUH?
ANYWAY... WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
BUT I'M SURE IT WAS STICKING
I'M OOING TO CRUSH YOU.
HEHE... IDIOT.
COULD IT BE, HE'S...

HII!?
NOT GOOD... I CAN'T DODGE THEM!
IT'S A MAGIC TO CHANGE WATER INTO A STRONG ADHESIVE FOR A FEW SECONDS.
ALPHARON!!
AFTER FALLING, IT TURNS BACK TO NORMAL WATER.
NOBODY'S GOING TO DISCOVER I CHEATED.
Ash Ogent appears !!!
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*NOTE ARON ALPHA IS AN INSTANT GLUE TRADEMARK IN JAPAN. THE KANJI FOR THE SPELL IS READ AS "INSTANT GELLY" (THE AUTHOR PROBABLY DIDN'T USE THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER TO PREVENT TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT)

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THE TERRIBLE GLUE MAGIC USING AGENT! WHAT WILL KUZUMI DO!?
ONCE A PART STICKS, IT WON'T LEAVE UNTIL THE MAGIC POWER DISAPPEARS.
WHEN THE WATER DROPS TOUCH SOMETHING, A STRONG ADHESIVE POWER APPEARS.
THEN, IT STRETCHES FROM THE PART TOUCHED UNTIL IT STICKS TO SOMETHING ELSE.
WHILE IN EFFECT, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW THIN IT BECOMES, IT WON'T SPLIT.
THE ADHESIVE EFFECT LASTS THREE SECONDS.
YOU'LL HAVE LOST THE RACE SOON AFTER NOTICING THIS "ALPHARON".
GO AWAY AND FALL IN A FLASHY WAY!
AND THEN, AFTER THREE SECONDS, THE MAGIC VANISHES AND IT TURNS BACK INTO WATER.

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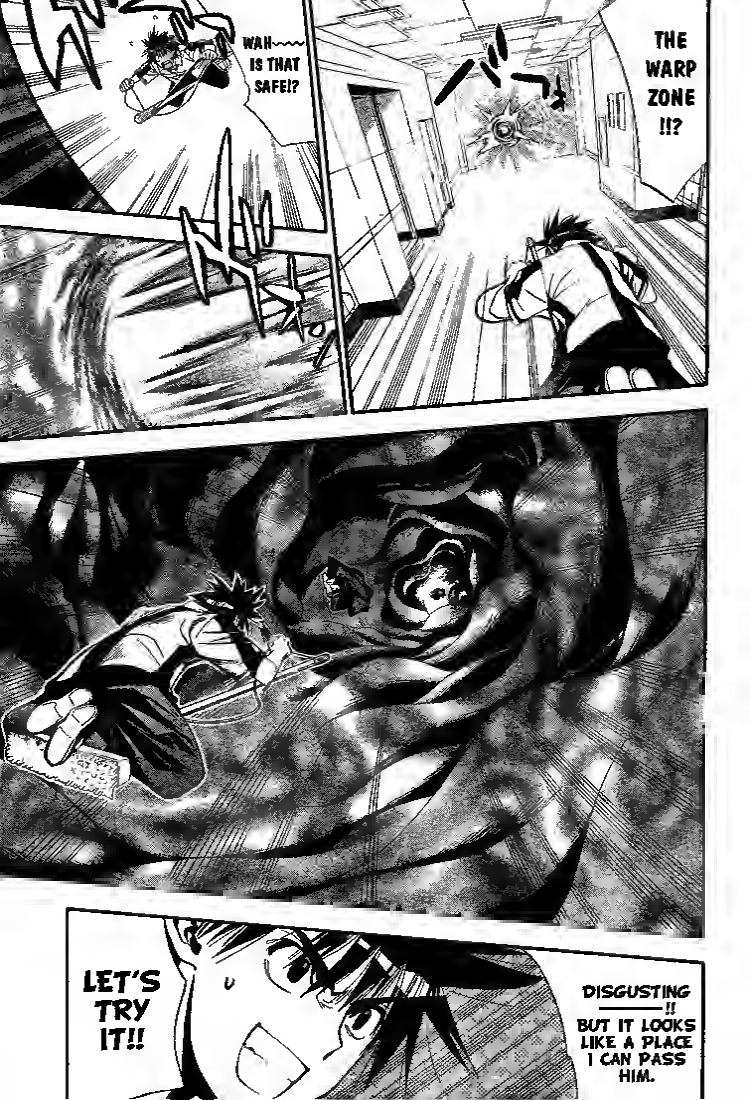
THAT WATER IS OBVIOUSLY NOT NORMAL.
IT'S SOMETHING USED TO HINDER THE RACE...
I CAN'T!!! IF I ERASE THE BROOM'S MAGIC, MY LOSS WILL BE SETTLED!!
!!?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO CONFIRM IT!!
I'LL ERASE IT ALL WITH MO..
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I CAN'T USE MO ON THE WATER OVER MY BODY OR THE BROOM!!

IN A SHAPE ENVELOPING THE BROOM...
MO!!!
GOOD. NOTHING'S HAPPENING FOR THE TIME BEING.
WHY HASN'T HE FALLEN?
!? STRANGE... 10 SECONDS HAVE ALREADY PASSED...

THE WATER DROPS SHOULD'VE HIT HIM!!
ALPHASONIC!
ONE MORE TIME!!
Damn! That dirty bastard!
It really seems to be magic.
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO WIN BY MYSELF!
WHY ISN'T IT WORKING? DID HE SEE THROUGH MY MOVE?
THAT PIECE OF SHIT !!

IS IT ALL RIGHT NOW?
MO OUT!
AS EXPECTED, IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE RACE WHILE KEEPING THE MO AREA..
I CAN'T OPERATE THE BROOM.
BUT THAT'S NO PROBLEM !!
IF I GET AHEAD OF HIM, I WON'T HAVE TO USE MO!
LET'S GO ——!!


WAH~~~ IS THAT SAFE!?
THE WARP ZONE !!?
LET'S TRY IT!!
DISGUSTING !! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A PLACE I CAN PASS HIM.

URAAA!!
KUH... WHAT A HARD-TO-FOLLOW ROAD...
I CAN'T SPEED UP...
!!?
TO THE EXTREME LIMIT ～～!!!

WHAT IS THAT GUY!? HOW CAN HE GO SO FAST IN SUCH A ROAD...
I'M DIFFERENT FROM A BASTARD USING CHICKEN TRICKS!
HAH-HA——!!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!!
They're out——!!!

THEY'RE HERE
ONE LAP LEFT !!!
SOON ONE LAP DONE !!!
YOU CAN STILL AIM FOR FIRST PLACE !!
HANG IN THERE, KUZUMI !!!
I CAN GET TO THE TOP, BUT
RIGHT NOW, I HAVE TO DEVOTE MYSELF TO BEATING THE CROSS GUY!!

WHA-!?
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN AT THE CORNER WITH THAT SPEED!!
HYA HA HA!
MOVE OUT OF MY WAY ——!!!
GAH...

HEY THERE, SORRY, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, AN ACCIDENT.
I DIDN'T PLAN FOR THAT ——!!
TH... THAT BAS-TARD!
DOING THAT DIRTY MOVE!
WITH JUST THAT, I GOT AWAY PRETTY FAR!!

HA HA——!!
I'M GOING TO TURN THE LAST CORNER AND GET AWAY...
I WIN!
DUMB-ASS!!
I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU THE SAME THING YOU DID JUST NOW!!

JUST GO AND HIT THE WALL THAT WAY!
HYAHAHA, YOU EXPOSED THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT!
I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOU——!!!
HYA HA HA HA
!?
HOW MUCH WILL I ACCELERATE WITH SUCH A SHOCK?
YOU ACCEL-ERATE WHEN KICKING THE ROOM.

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL GET THERE FIRST?
IT'S JUST A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE GOAL.
YOU, WHO AVOIDED ME, OR ME WHO GOT THAT MUCH ACCELERATION,
BASTARD! YOU'VE AIMED FOR THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING...
NOAH ...
DOAAH!

GOAL!!!
NUMBER 5, KUZUMI, ARRIVES FIRST ～～～!!!
HIS TIME IS 4 MINUTES, 3 SECONDS!! HE GETS 57 POINTS!!

ASIDE FROM THAT, WHERE IS THAT GUY..?
YOU DID NICELY BY BUMPING ON THE WALL.
THE LAST CORNER WAS DANGER-OUS.
HMM? WELL YEAH
WELL DONE KUZUMI-KUN!!

THAT IRRITATING GUY!!
DAMN HIM !!
THE AGENT LAUGHING DARINGLY...
HEY, YOU!! DON'T MOVE A SINGLE INCH!!
WHERE IS THE BLAST BALL?
I WON, HURRY AND TELL ME!!
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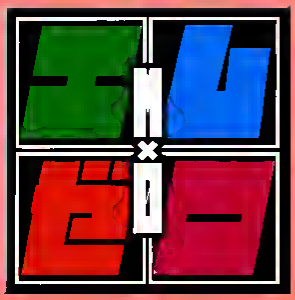
TCH. YOU'RE NOISY.



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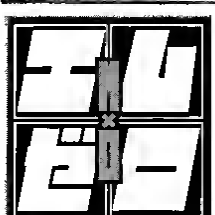
I, WHO AIM FOR A GOLD PLATE, WON'T ALLOW AN EXPLOSION TO OCCUR RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!!



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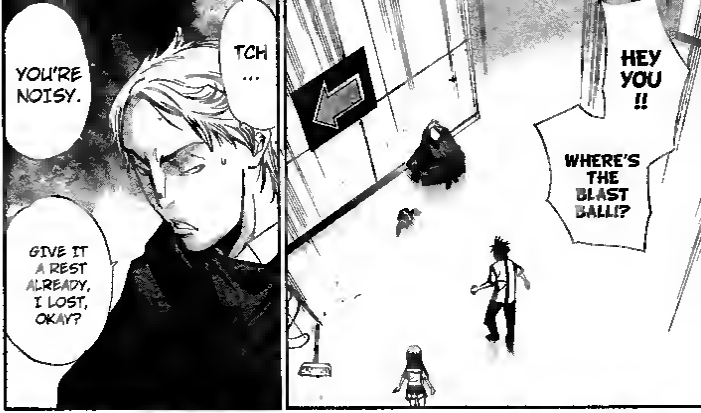

THE CULPRIT'S FRIEND..!?

DON'T PLAY THE FOOL!!
HURRY UP AND TELL ME WHERE IT'S HIDDEN!
STOP WASTING MY TIME ALREADY !
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
I WAS JUST TOLD TO WIN THAT RACE AGAINST A GUY FROM THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
...HUH?

THAT PISSES ME OFF!
TCH ...
IF I HAD WON I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE OTHER HALF OF THE MONEY.
OH YEAH, THAT THREATENING MESSAGE SAID HIS FRIENDS DON'T KNOW OF THE BLAST BALLS.
BUT HE SHOULD GIVE US A HINT.
I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD BE THE CROSS GUY HE REALLY HAS TO...
Look !!
THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE...
I WOULD HAVE WON IF I HAD NOT PUT ON THAT DISGUISE!!

...WAIT! INSTRUC-TIONS? YOU MEAN HE'S NOT YOUR FRIEND?
THE GUY WHO GAVE ME INSTRUCTIONS TOLD ME I HAD TO WEAR IT... IT WAS A PAIN IN THE ASS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A TEASE AT FIRST, BUT I GOT MAIL EVERY DAY AND HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME MONEY IF I WON
ASKING ME TO FINISH FIRST IN TODAY'S BROOM RACE
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE IS HE JUST SENT ME AN EMAIL AT THE COMPUTER ROOM ABOUT FOUR DAYS AGO
FRIEND? LIKE I'D KNOW
AFTER I PICKED UP THE SACK IN THE LOST THINGS BOX, SOME OTHER PEOPLE WENT SEARCHING INSIDE
WELL, IT SEEMS HE REACHED OUT TO OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES ME
I THOUGHT IT WASN'T A BAD DEAL, SO I DECIDED TO PLAY ALONG
HE SAID HE'LL PUT THE MASK AND HALF THE MONEY AS AN ADVANCED PAYMENT IN A SACK INSIDE THE LOST THINGS BOX WHEN I WENT THERE THIS MORNING, THE MASK AND 5000 YEN WERE INSIDE
LOST THINGS BOX
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE AN IDEA!?
SO YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?

HE SAID HE'LL ALWAYS WATCH OVER US FROM SOMEWHERE.
THAT'S RIGHT!
=!
There's the rule about not asking about the culprit.
Sion, Kuzumi-kun...!!
SO THE OTHER OPPONENTS WE'LL HAVE IN THE EVENT KING RACE WON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM EITHER...?
DAMN——!! HE ACTED TO MAKE SURE WE COULDN'T CATCH HIM FROM BEHIND!!
BESIDES THAT, LOOK AT THIS!
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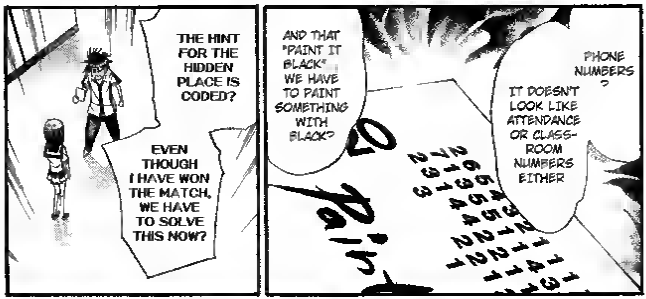
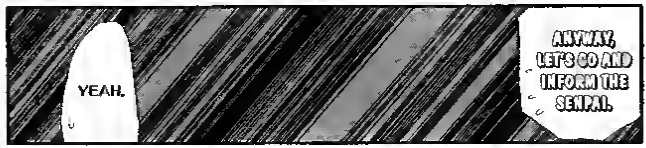
WHAT'S THIS? IT'S FULL OF NUMBERS.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?


PHONE NUMBERS?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ATTENDANCE OR CLASS-ROOM NUMBERS EITHER
AND THAT "PAINT IT BLACK" WE HAVE TO PAINT SOMETHING WITH BLACK?
THE HINT FOR THE HIDDEN PLACE IS CODED?
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE WON THE MATCH, WE HAVE TO SOLVE THIS NOW?


ANYWAY, LET'S GO AND INFORM THE SENPAI.
YEAH.

WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE NEXT INSTRUC-TIONS?
BUT IF WE DON'T SOLVE THIS IT WILL BE USELESS
ANYWAY, WELL DONE!!
THAT MAKES ONE CLEAR OUT OF FOUR
THERE WEREN'T ANY MORE MESSAGES LEFT ON THAT HEAD
BUT... I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT THIS IS.
MAYBE THE NEXT SET OF INSTRUCTIONS ARE WITH THE BLAST BALL
I HAVE THE FEELING I'VE SEEN THIS SOME-WHERE BUT...
WHAT WAS IT ?
I WONDER WHY THEY ARE SEPARATED HORIZON-TALLY AND VERTI-CALLY.
THERE ARE 20 LINES OF NUMBERS ...
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Paint it Black
MY HEAD IS HURTING FROM JUST LOOKING AT ALL THOSE NUMBERS...

BY THE WAY, DID YOU FIND SOMETHING ON YOUR SIDE?
NO NOT EVEN ONE. THE BRANCH CHIEF AND THE OTHERS ARE STILL SEARCHING
THE CULTURE FESTIVAL IS ALWAYS FULL OF RANDOM OBJECTS
AND SEARCHING EVEN JUST ONE CLASSROOM TAKES TIME...
THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL BE BROUGHT INTO A PLACE WE'VE ALREADY SEARCHED, BUT WE CAN'T CONFIRM EACH PERSON COMING AND GOING
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO CHECK AROUND EACH AREA WE'RE ASSIGNED TO AGAIN AND AGAIN.
WE ALREADY HAVE CHECKED A LOT OF THEM
HALF OF THE BLOCKS ARE FILLED
PAINT IT BLACK...
HUM... MAYBE, THIS...

COULD IT BE LOGIC*?

IT'S A GAME THAT WHEN FILLING A MASS, AN ILLUSTRATION OR LETTERS APPEAR.

*ALSO KNOWN AS PICTURE LOGIC OR NONOGRAM

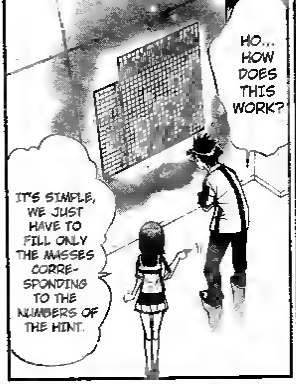
THAT 20X20 TELLS US THE TOTAL OF MASSES.

WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL HINT NUMBERS

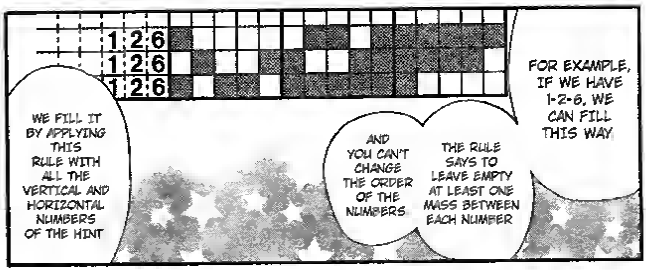
AND THEN PAINT IT HUH?

I'VE SEEN SOME AT BOOK-STORES

IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE IT!! IF YOU MAKE THE TOTAL SUM OF THE NUMBERS, IT DOESN'T GO OVER 20!


HO... HOW DOES THIS WORK?
IT'S SIMPLE, WE JUST HAVE TO FILL ONLY THE MASSES CORRESPONDING TO THE NUMBERS OF THE HINT.

YES! WE ALONE ARE ENOUGH FOR THIS.
ONCE WE GET IT WE'LL TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY.
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT IF WE LEAVE IT TO YOU?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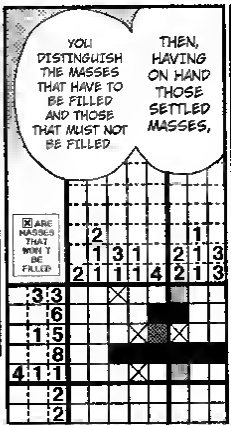
WE FILL IT BY APPLYING THIS RULE WITH ALL THE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL NUMBERS OF THE HINT
AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE NUMBERS
THE RULE SAYS TO LEAVE EMPTY AT LEAST ONE MASS BETWEEN EACH NUMBER
FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE HAVE 1-2-6, WE CAN FILL THIS WAY.

THINKING DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MY STRONG POINT.
YOU KNOW THE RULES, SO I'M COUNTING ON YOU
OK.


YOU DISTINGUISH THE MASSES THAT HAVE TO BE FILLED AND THOSE THAT MUST NOT BE FILLED
THEN, HAVING ON HAND THOSE SETTLED MASSES,
☒ ARE MASSES THAT WON'T BE FILLED
2 1 1 1 4 2 1 3
3 3
6
1 5
8
4 1 1
2
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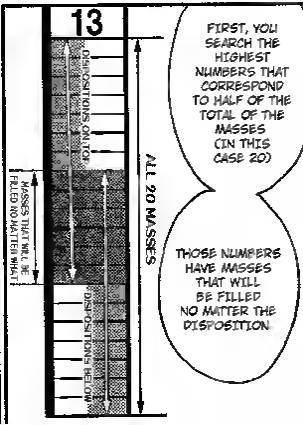
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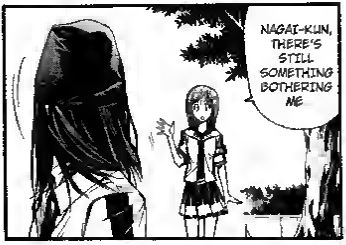
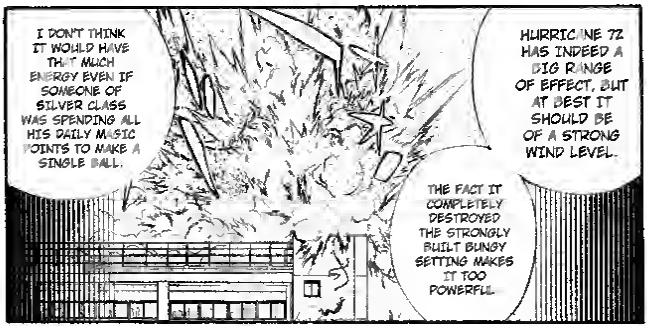
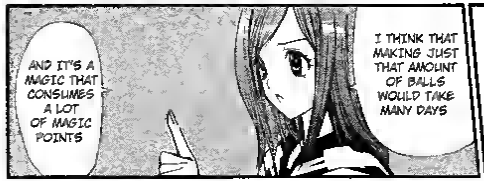
DISPOSITIONS OUT
MASSES THAT WILL BE FILLED NO MATTER WHAT
DISPOSITIONS BELOW
ALL 20 MASSES
FIRST, YOU SEARCH THE HIGHEST NUMBERS THAT CORRESPOND TO HALF OF THE TOTAL OF THE MASSES (IN THIS CASE 20)
THOSE NUMBERS HAVE MASSES THAT WILL BE FILLED NO MATTER THE DISPOSITION.

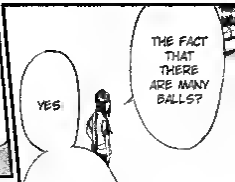
...I SEE, SO THE CULPRIT AND THE AGENTS AREN'T RELATED.
THIS IS THE WORST DEVELOPMENT.
BUT LIKE THIS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM DOWN FROM THE BLAST BALLS...
OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT I PLAN, TOO.
IN THE WORST CASE, THE CULTURE FESTIVAL WILL END BADLY.
AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH THE CULPRIT.
AMONG SECOND YEAR STUDENTS, THERE ARE A LITTLE LESS THAN TEN PEOPLE HAVING TO DEAL WITH HEAVY PUNISHMENT LIKE SCHOOL SUSPENSION BECAUSE OF OUR MANAGEMENT IN THE PAST.
IF THE CULPRIT REALLY HAS HATRED TOWARDS US, THE PROBABILITY THAT HE IS AMONG THEM IS HIGH.
WE WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
WE WON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN NO MATTER WHAT!!!
I WILL CHECK UP WHAT THEY'RE DOING TODAY. IT MIGHT BE THE FASTEST WAY TO THE CULPRIT.
I WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE A WAY TO CONTACT THE RACE GUY TOO.
SORRY, BUT CAN I LEAVE THIS SIDE TO YOU?
YES, UNDERSTOOD.

THE FACT THE POWER WAS A BIT TOO STRONG WORRIES ME
ABOUT THIS MORNING'S DEMON-STRATION EXPLOSION


NAGAI-KUN, THERE'S STILL SOMETHING BOTHERING ME


I DON'T THINK IT WOULD HAVE THAT MUCH ENERGY EVEN IF SOMEONE OF SILVER CLASS WAS SPENDING ALL HIS DAILY MAGIC POINTS TO MAKE A SINGLE BALL.
HURRICANE 72 HAS INDEED A BIG RANGE OF EFFECT. BUT AT BEST IT SHOULD BE OF A STRONG WIND LEVEL.
THE FACT IT COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE STRONGLY BUILT BUNGY SETTING MAKES IT TOO POWERFUL


AND IT'S A MAGIC THAT CONSUMES A LOT OF MAGIC POINTS
I THINK THAT MAKING JUST THAT AMOUNT OF BALLS WOULD TAKE MANY DAYS


THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MANY BALLS?
YES
I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS TO SCARE US OR SOME-THING BUT...
IF THAT'S WHAT HE DID THERE SHOULD BE A LOT IN THE OTHERS TOO RIGHT?

I THINK THE CULPRIT PROBABLY DIDN'T USE ANY MAGIC IN FRONT OF PEOPLE FOR A FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO PREPARE

I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE, BUT...
A PANDA !?
DONE !!!
THAT!
HM?
THE HINT TO WHERE THE BLAST BALL IS HIDDEN IS...
A PANDA ?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
A PANDA !?
!!!
-HUH
AH!!!

THE PRO-FESSIONAL WRESTLING CLUB'S CAVE OBJECT!!
GO
SPIDER SILK
THE BLAST BALL SHOULD BE IN THERE ...
FOUND IT!! HARUKA ~~~

ZIP-LOCK !!!!
WE DID IT —— !!!

HEY～ DID YOU FIND IT ～～～?
DON'T WORRY!! IT'S DONE!!
GREAT ——!! FIRST ONE FOUND!
SO, WHERE IS THE NEXT MATCH?
OH YEAH... IT SHOULD BE IN THIS THING AGAIN
WELL, DON'T FINDING IT IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FUN IF YOU HADN'T
THERE ARE STILL THREE PARTS OF THE FUN LEFT.
WELL, ABOUT THE NEXT ONE...

WHAT'S THE IDENTITY OF THE BOMBER WHO IS CALMLY WATCHING!?
IT WON'T BE FUNNY IF IT GOES BOOM!!!
KEEP ON CRAWLING AROUND ACCORDING TO MY WILL.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW.
IT'S GREAT, ISN'T IT? YOU FOUND THE FIRST ONE SAFELY
JUST KEEP ON DOING WELL...
IT THE MOMENT YOU MAKE A WRONG STEP,
THE DECEPTION WILL BE BIGGER.

NEXT TIME, THE MATCH FOR THE SECOND BLAST BALL BEGINS!!

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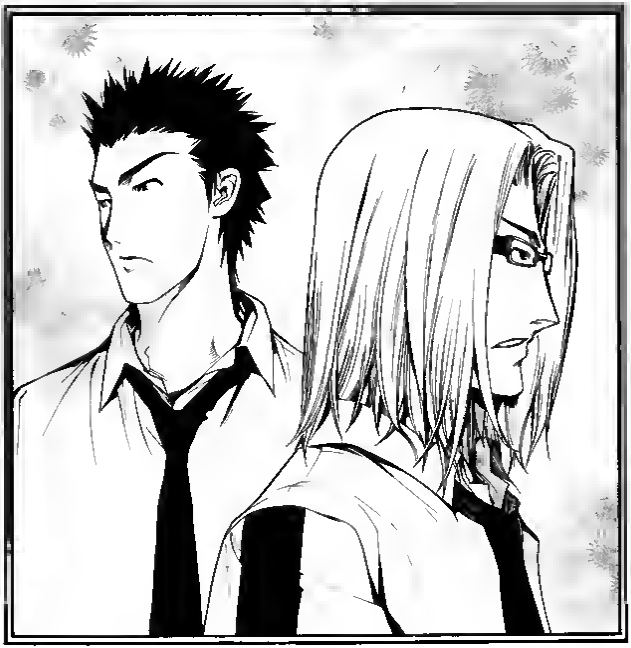

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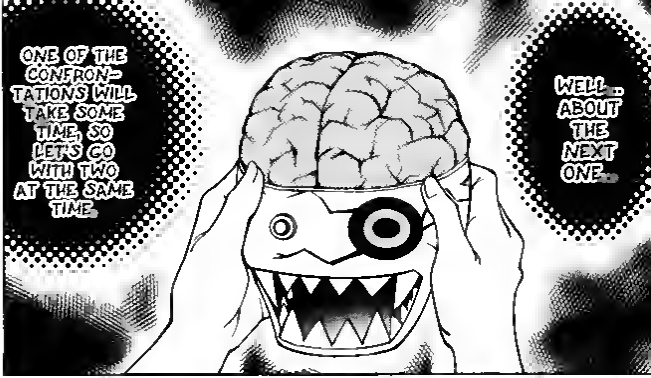
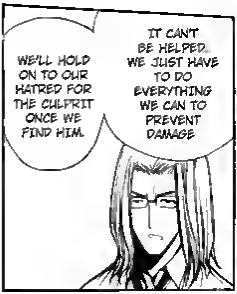

ONE OF THE CONFRONTATIONS WILL TAKE SOME TIME, SO LET'S GO WITH TWO AT THE SAME TIME.
WELL... ABOUT THE NEXT ONE...

GLUTTONY AND SHOUGI?
TWO AT ONCE?
THE OTHER IS THE MAGIC SHOUGI CLUB TOURNAMENT.
ONE IS THE HUGE TAKOYAKI GLUTTONY TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED BY THE MAGIC COOKING CLUB.


WE'LL HOLD ON TO OUR HATRED FOR THE CULPRIT ONCE WE FIND HIM.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE JUST HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PREVENT DAMAGE

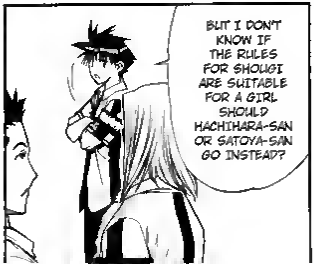
DAMN~~~ ARE WE THE ONLY ONES DESPERATE ABOUT THIS?
ARE THE OPPONENTS GOING TO BE UNRELATED PEOPLE ATTRACTED BY MONEY AGAIN?

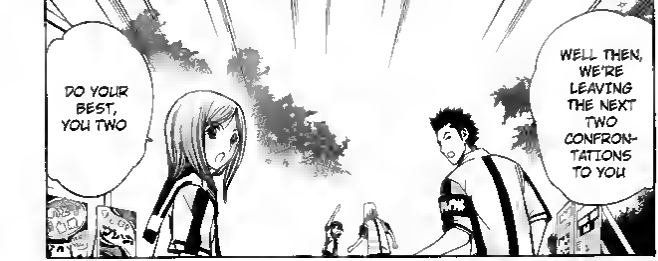
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
TWO AT THE SAME TIME MEANS WE HAVE TO SPLIT?
TCH! A CROSS AGAIN?
THERE ARE MORE MASKED GUYS?
BOTH OF THE OPPONENTS ARE WEARING A CROSS MARK.
DON'T THINK YOU'LL WIN SO EASILY THIS TIME.

SFX: RELIEVED
I WAS WONDERING WHAT I WOULD DO IF I HAD TO DO IT...
AH! THAT'S A RELIEF!
IF IT'S GLUTTONY AND SHOUGI, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE GLUTTONY.

THE PRINCIPAL LOSES MOST OF THE TIME, THOUGH
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT YOUR DAD PLAYS A LOT OF IT IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
IF IT'S THAT, I'M FINE! I PLAY IT A LOT WITH MY DAD
MY DAD LIKES IT A LOT.

FOR A LOT OF REASONS
YEAH, THAT WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA.


BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE RULES FOR SHOUGI ARE SUITABLE FOR A GIRL SHOULD HACHIHARA-SAN OR SATOYA-SAN GO INSTEAD?



*NOTE HASAMI SHOUGI IS A JAPANESE VIDEO GAME

*MAGIC COOKING CLUB - HUGE TAKOYAKI

A UNIQUE TASTE COOKED WITH MAGIC!!
FREE OF CHARGE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO EAT FOUR HUGE TAKOYAKI IN LESS THAN 10 MINUTES!!
YOU'LL GET 10 EVENT KING RACE POINTS PER ONE FULLY EATEN—!
600R
4コ 10分

SFX: TILT
PEOPLE WITH A SORE STOMACH ~~~ !! WE HAVE MAGIC MEDICINE HERE! (NOT FOR FREE)
I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE
MM-GGGG ~~~
GU-KEBH!
!!?

ESPECIALLY HERE
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO EAT TOO MUCH AT THE FOOD STANDS OUTSIDE
I'M SELLING MAGIC MEDICINE
URGG
URGG
URGG
HEY, MIZUKI WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUH? ISN'T THAT KUZUMI?

COULD YOU HAVE COME FOR THE CHALLENGE TOO?
HMM?
YEAH, KINDA...
SFX *LOOK* *LOOK*
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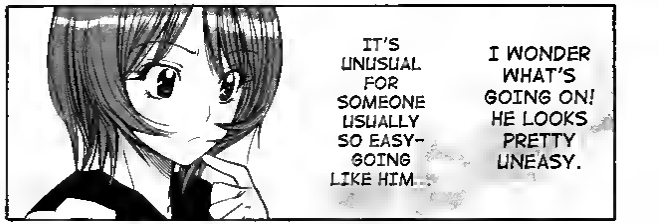
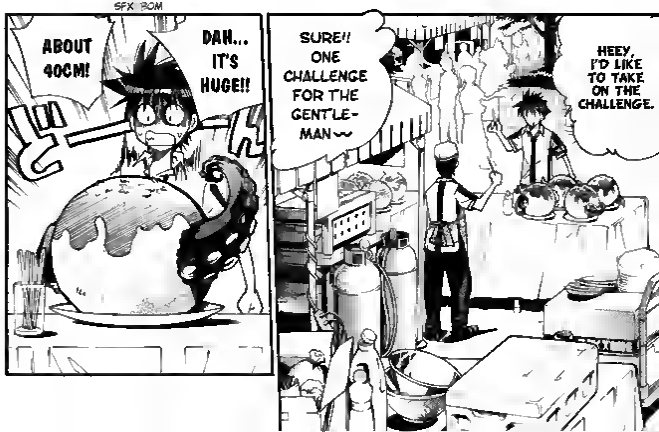
WHAT?
NO, IT'S NOTHING


I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON! HE LOOKS PRETTY UNEASY.
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE USUALLY SO EASY-GOING LIKE HIM...


SFX BOM
ABOUT 40CM!
DAH... IT'S HUGE!!
SURE!! ONE CHALLENGE FOR THE GENTLEMAN～～
HEEY, I'D LIKE TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE.

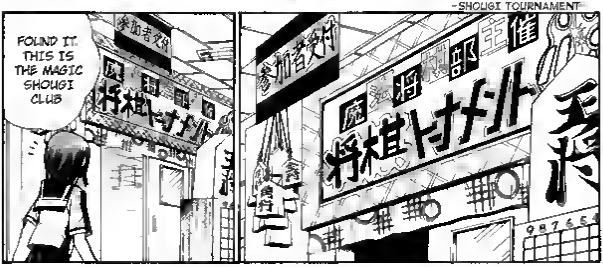
IT MAY BE JUST ONE, BUT THIS IS QUITE AN AMOUNT. ANYWAY, I HAVE TO DO THE CONFRONTATION SO IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF IT'S NOT FREE.
I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO EAT MORE THAN MY OPPONENT...
RIGHT NOW, THE RECORD IS EIGHT. DO YOUR BEST TO BREAK IT.
EIGHT...? THIS IS WAY MORE THAN WHAT I CAN TAKE...
HEY, CAN I TAKE THE CHALLENGE AT THE SAME TIME?
YEAH, THAT'S NO PROBLEM.
HEY, ISN'T THIS A BIT TOO MUCH FOR A GIRL? YOU'D BETTER STO?.
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME!
BUT IT'S FINE.
BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE TO YOU!

!!?
A CROSS ACCESSORY—
KARUSONE-SAN?
YOU KNOW HER?
YEAH, IT'S KARUSONE NATSUKO-SAN FROM CLASS A.
SHE IS A FAMOUS GLUTTON.
IN CONTRAST TO HER LOOKS, SHE HAS A BOTTOMLESS STOMACH.
SHE HAS CLEARED EVERY SHOP'S GLUTTONY CHALLENGE IN THE TOWN BELOW.
...SHE'S THE CHALLENGER.
JUMBO RAMEN
CHAMPION
KARUSONE SHOP
SAK WHOAH
ALL RIGHT, LET'S BEGIN!
READY...
START!!!

SFX MOM MOM
HUH... SHE'S FAST !!!
I CAN'T LOSE THAT EASI
NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A GLUTTON SHE IS, I MIA GUY
HAG. HAG.
ITCH HOT ...
WHAT KIND OF STOMACH DOES SHE HAVE...?
THIS IS NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH!!
KEEP THEM COMING
UWA IT LOOKS DELICIOUS
HERE'S FOUR MORE
SFX CLAC

SFX NOTICES

*PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION DESK - ORGANIZED BY THE MAGIC SHOUGI CLUB -SHOUGI TOURNAMENT



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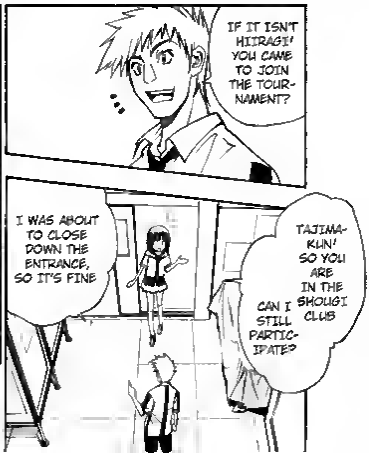
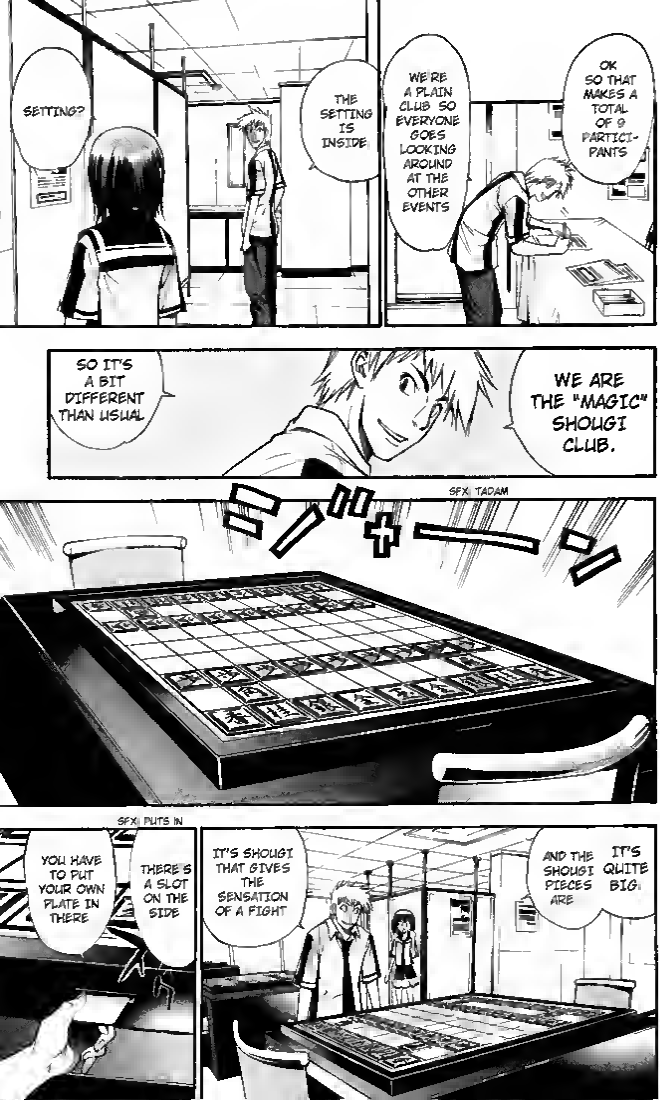
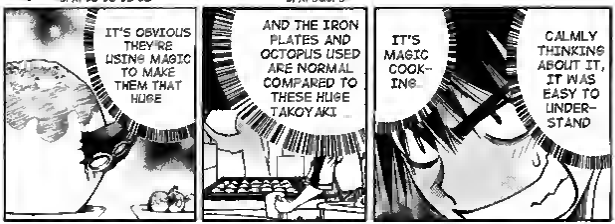

IF IT ISN'T HIIRAGI! YOU CAME TO JOIN THE TOUR-NAMENT?
I WAS ABOUT TO CLOSE DOWN THE ENTRANCE, SO IT'S FINE
TAJIMA-KUN! SO YOU ARE IN THE SHOUGI CLUB
CAN I STILL PARTIC-IPATE?

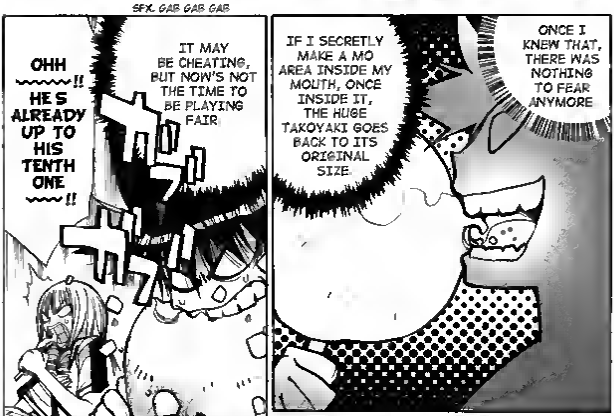

SETTING?
THE SETTING IS INSIDE
WE'RE A PLAIN CLUB SO EVERYONE GOES LOOKING AROUND AT THE OTHER EVENTS
OK SO THAT MAKES A TOTAL OF 9 PARTICI-PANTS
SO IT'S A BIT DIFFERENT THAN USUAL
WE ARE THE "MAGIC" SHOUGI CLUB.
SFX: TADAM
SFX: PUTS IN
YOU HAVE TO PUT YOUR OWN PLATE IN THERE
THERE'S A SLOT ON THE SIDE
IT'S SHOUGI THAT GIVES THE SENSATION OF A FIGHT
AND THE SHOUGI PIECES ARE IT'S QUITE BIG!

*COLUMNS ARE NOTED WITH NUMBERS AND LINES WITH KANJI MEANING NU

THAT'S ALREADY THE TERTH ORE!! SRE'S EASILY RROKER THE PREVIOUS RECORD!
AMAZ-ING ～～!!
ハグハグ
SFX MOM MOM
ハグーッ
SFX MOM
BUT IF HE COULD ONLY EAT THAT MUCH, MY VICTORY WAS ALREADY SETTLED FROM THE BEGINNING
INDEED HE SHOULD GET NEAR HIS LIMITS
SHE'S BOTTOM-LESS... EVEN FOR A GUY, FOUR WOULD BE JUST PUSHING IT NORMALLY...
ガブ
SFX GAB GAB
SFX NOTICES
ビク
W...WAIT, KUZUMI!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT SUDDENLY EATING SO RECKLESSLY?
SFX GAB
SFX GAH GAH GAH
JUST GET ME SOME MORE PLEASE ～～
YEAH, I CAN STILL GO ON.

WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED !?
WOW!!! HE INCREASED HIS PACE TOO!!!
HE CLEARED HIS EIGHTH ONE!!!

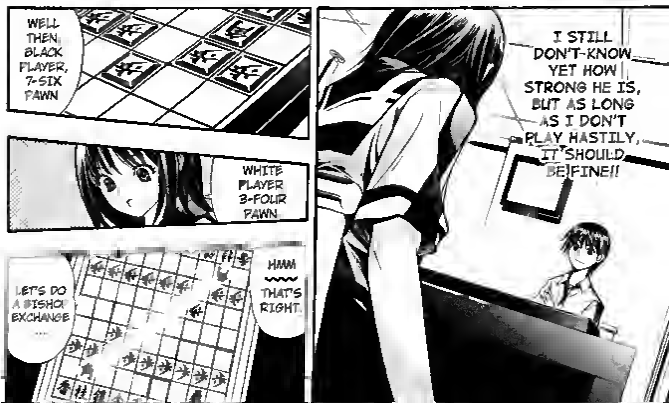

SFX: DO DO DO DO
IT'S OBVIOUS THEY'RE USING MAGIC TO MAKE THEM THAT HUGE
SFX: GULPS
AND THE IRON PLATES AND OCTOPUS USED ARE NORMAL COMPARED TO THESE HUGE TAKOYAKI
IT'S MAGIC COOK-ING
CALMLY THINKING ABOUT IT, IT WAS EASY TO UNDER-STAND


SFX: GAB GAB GAB
OHH ~~~~~!! HE'S ALREADY UP TO HIS TENTH ONE ~~~~!!
IT MAY BE CHEATING, BUT NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE PLAYING FAIR.
IF I SECRETLY MAKE A MO AREA INSIDE MY MOUTH, ONCE INSIDE IT, THE HUGE TAKOYAKI GOES BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SIZE.
ONCE I KNEW THAT, THERE WAS NOTHING TO FEAR ANYMORE

SFX: GAB GAB
THIS IS NO JOKE, NO WAY I'M GOING TO LOSE!
UBU BU BU—
UH B..
URG...
SFX: BAM
MGH
AH~~~!! KARUSONE IS DOWN FROM THE 11TH ONE!!!
SFX: WHOOO
KUZUMI IS DONE EATING HIS 12TH ONE!!!
WINNER, KUZUMI ~~~!!!
HE GETS 120 POINTS! THAT'S A NEW RECORD!

WELL THEN, FOR THE FIRST MATCH OF THE MAGIC SHOGI TOURNAMENT
YOU'LL EACH HAVE 30 SECONDS TO MAKE YOUR MOVE. PLEASE BEGIN.

I'M GOING FIRST
SO I'M AGAINST YOU RIGHT FROM THE FIRST MATCH GO EASY ON ME
SAME HERE. GO EASY ON ME
EVEN IF DAIMON-KUN WASN'T THE AGENT, IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I WON'T LOSE.


I STILL DON'T KNOW YET HOW STRONG HE IS, BUT AS LONG AS I DON'T PLAY HASTILY, IT SHOULD BE FINE!!
WELL THEN, BLACK PLAYER, 7-SIX PAWN
WHITE PLAYER 3-FOUR PAWN
HMM~~ THAT'S RIGHT
LET'S DO A BISHOP EXCHANGE ...

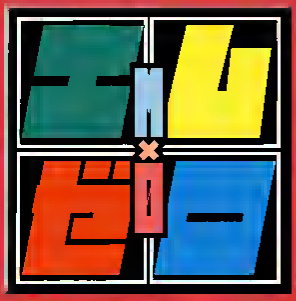
SFX ZAH
SFX SLASH
SFX ZUAA
2-TWO, BISHOP PROMOTE !! BATTLE!!!!
SFX. BASHA

THAT'S MAGIC SHOUGI.
SKIRMISHES BETWEEN TWO PIECES ARE DONE WITH REAL FIGHTS.
BLACK PLAYER WINS!!! 2-TWO HORSE-!!

KARUZONE NATSUKO (1 PLATE)

A GIRL FROM FIRST YEAR CLASS A. AS A GLUTTONOUS CHARACTER, HER NAME IS A BIT LONG*. SHE LIVES IN A STEAK HOUSE AND HER FAVORITE FOOD IS MEAT. SIGN: AQUARIUS. BLOOD TYPE: A

*NOTE: HER NAME SOUNDS LIKE CALZONE.



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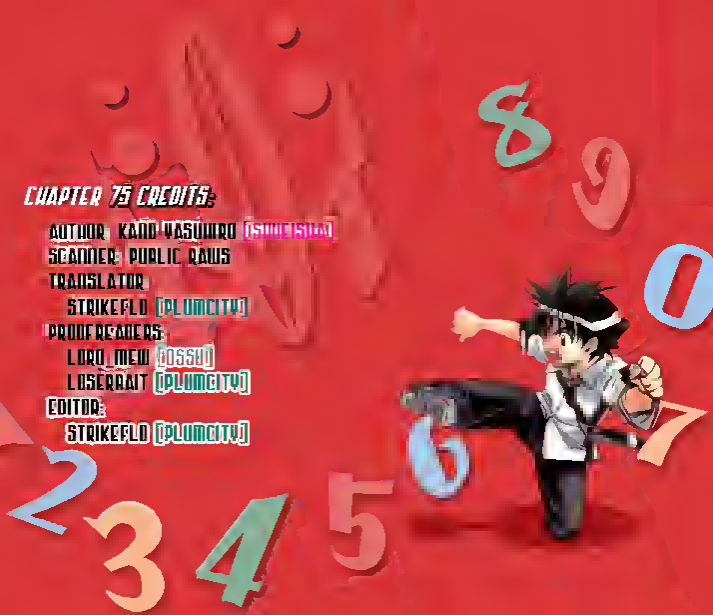

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2-TWO, BISHOP PROMOTE !!
SFX: HOM
AMAZING THE PIECES DO PERSON-IFICATIONS
EVEN ITS FACE IS LIKE DAIMON-KUN'S...
THE FEELING OF A BATTLE COMPARED TO NORMAL SHOUGI IS HIGHER, ISN'T IT?
WITH THE PLAYER'S MAGIC BEING SENT TO THE PIECES THERE ARE ALSO ORIGINAL RULES
BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
IN THIS TOURNAMENT WE USE THE NORMAL SHOUGI RULES

*HAT SILVER GENERAL
!!?
SFX SHINE
LET'S SEE SAME 2-TWO SILVER GENERAL
IS THAT SO? THEN IT'S FINE IF I PLAY NORMALLY
SFX SLASH
THAT'S TRUE. BUT..
STOP THAT.. IF YOU APOLOGIZE EVERY TIME, IT'LL BE HARD FOR ME TO STRIKE YOU
SORRY DAIMON-KUN!!
AHH.. IT DEFEATED IT

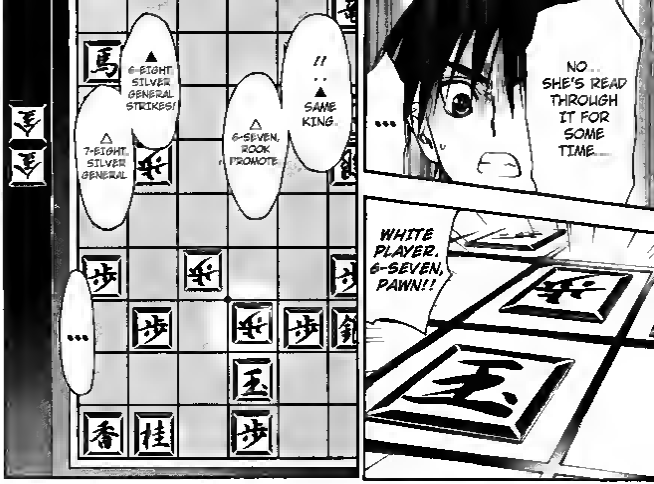
SFX BLUSH

*NOTE IN MARTIAL ARTS THIS WOULD BE FIRST GRADE BLACK BELT MEANING STRONG

HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
URG
YOU PROBABLY GOT E-MAIL IN THE COMPUTER ROOM TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
... HOW DO YOU KNOW?
AS I THOUGHT, HER, TOO
IT WAS SAYING "SOMEONE FROM THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL PARTICIPATE SO WIN"
WELL, I DIDN'T INTEND TO LOSE AGAINST ANYONE
THIS I WAS TOLD TO CARRY IT
IT WAS IN MY SHOE RACK ALONG WITH THE HAIRCLIP
!! LOGIC AGAIN ...?

AH! I'VE SEEN THIS SOMEWHERE...
HMMmmm... I HEARD HOW TO DO IT, BUT MY HEAD HURTS...
NO, I'VE JUST SEEN IT.
YOU UNDERSTAND IT, MIZUKI?
SFX: HMM
LET'S GO SEE.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HOW THINGS ARE GOING OVER THERE TOO
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE HIIRAGI DO IT.
SFX: FAST MOVE
SENPAI—— CAN I GO OUT FOR A MOMENT?
I THOUGHT SO THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING GOING ON
SFX: STEP
WITHOUT IT, YOU'RE FIRST
AHH, KARUSONE. I REFUSED TO HAVE THE GLUTTONY RECORD SO I MADE THEM ERASE IT.
WELL IT WAS UNFAIR
THEN, TAKE CARE.

SFX: BLAST
6-SIX, LANCE PROMOTE !!!!
SFX: SLASH
5-NINE SILVER GENERAL STRIKES !!
NO WAY THE PROTECTION OF THE KING HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED
4-TWO, DRAGON*.
DAMN... SAME GOLD GENERAL !!!!
WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME...? IF THERE'S ONLY ONE OPENING I CAN MAKE A CHECKMATE!!
*NOTE: THE DRAGON IS THE PROMOTED ROOK


NO... SHE'S READ THROUGH IT FOR SOME TIME...
WHITE PLAYER, 6-SEVEN, PAWN!!
!! .. ▲SAME KING.
△6-SEVEN, ROOK PROMOTE.
▲6-EIGHT SILVER GENERAL STRIKES!
△7-EIGHT, SILVER GENERAL
...

IT'S OVER, IT'S GOING TO BE CHECK-MATE...!!!

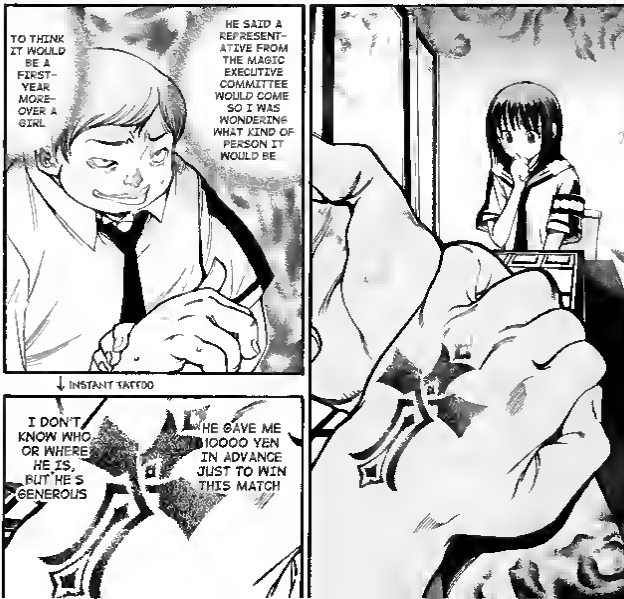
...
I GIVE UP...
DAMN!
SHE'S... STRONG !!!
HOH...
I'M GLAD
THANKS FOR READING THROUGH IT.

AGAIN... TO HAVE LOST AGAINST YOU ONCE AGAIN, IT'S SO REGRETFUL.
THANKS FOR THE MATCH!
I KNOW WE JUST ENDED BUT... HURRY! THE HINT!!
OH! SO IT'S HIIRAGI'S VICTORY? WELL DONE ~~!!
THEN, PLEASE, HURRY TO THE NEXT BATTLE.
EH?
SFX. TREMBLES
SECOND AND THIRD ROUNDS
ORDER SET BY THE SHINAI TIME FROM FIRST ROUND
FIRST ROUND
3 4 1 2 5
SHINAI CLUB FILL-IN
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE DON'T HAVE TIME IF YOU DON'T FINISH THE BATTLES IN TURN QUICKLY, WE WILL NEVER BE OVER WITH IT
SFX. SLAM
IS IT HERE!?
W-WAIT! I'M ALSO IN A HURRY!! IF I DON'T GET THE HINT ~~
YES YES WE HAVE TO HURRY, YOUR OPPONENT IS ALREADY WAITING
AH, IT'S YOU... A FACE I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE NOW
HUH? IF IT ISN'T DAIMON

SFX: MOVE

SFX: PULL OUT

SFX: GRABS


TO THINK IT WOULD BE A FIRST-YEAR MORE-OVER A GIRL
HE SAID A REPRESENT-ATIVE FROM THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD COME SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PERSON IT WOULD BE
↓ INSTANT TATTOO
I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHERE HE IS, BUT HE'S GENEROUS
HE GAVE ME 10000 YEN IN ADVANCE JUST TO WIN THIS MATCH

JUST DON'T GO CRYING LATER, HEHE...
SHE'S A CUTE GIRL, BUT I WON'T HOLD BACK
IS THERE EVEN A NEED FOR ME TO USE MY AMATEUR 3-DAN REAL SKILLS?

AHH, ISN'T THIS LOGIC?
WHAT A NICE SHOT!
I WAS THINKING ABOUT ASKING HIIRAGI TO SOLVE IT...
SFX. HANDS OVER.
HERE.
?
WHAT'S THAT?
ARE YOU REALLY UNRELATED?
SFX. FLAP
IT'S NOTHING. I'M JUST GOING AROUND FOR THE EVENT KING RACE...
HEY—— THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON, RIGHT? STOP HIDING IT AND SAY IT.
THERE YOU ARE!! THIS TIME IT'S THE MAGIC SHOUGI CLUB? THERE'S NO CONNECTION

THERE WAS NOTHING MUCH TO SOLVE
YOU SOLVED IT?
IT WAS SUCH AN EASY PROBLEM THAT IS WAS BORING TO SOLVE
THAT?
THIS IS
SFX RUN
HEY, WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
SFX GRAB
THAT'S IT!!

HARUKA-SENPAI!! THE SWIMMING CLUB'S BALLOON ADS!
HURRY!!
MIZUKI!! CAN YOU FLY ME OVER TO THOSE BALLOONS? I WANT TO GO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.
UH...WHAT'S GOING ON? SO SUDDENLY...
PLEASE.
SFX: SHUAA
GEEZ—— IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
ANGEL FLY !!!
HEY, DON'T MOVE.
WHERE?
IDIOT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME, TOO!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, RIGHT?
IF I DON'T DO IT THIS WAY, I WON'T SEE AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOU!

There!! It must be that.
!!?
IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE...
SFX: GRAB
HOCCHA
SFX: FREEZE
THAT'S IT. I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!
KUZUMI-KUN!! IS IT OVER THERE?

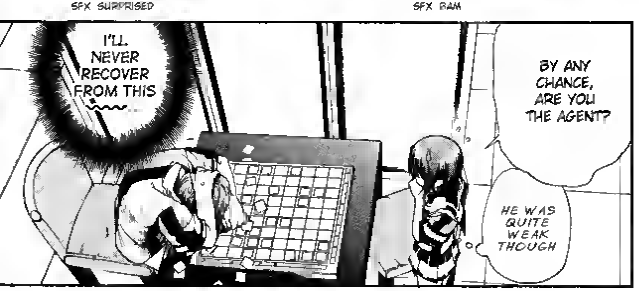
4-SEVEN, PROMOTED PAWN!!
5-SEVEN, KNIGHT!!
SFX: SLASH
SFX: SLASH
EVEN THOUGH I MADE SURE TO HAVE PIECES ATTACKING...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...? THIS...
SFX: SWEETS
My attacking pieces have all been taken...

I'M SORRY, BUT I WON'T RESTRAIN MYSELF.
FORGIVE ME, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY SHOUGI NOW.
SFX: BOM

IF I LOSE TIME DOING THIS, I WILL JUST BE A HINDRANCE TO EVERYONE...
I HAVE TO HURRY AND END THIS TO GO ASK DAIMON-KUN FOR THE BLAST BALL HINT...

SFX: SLASH
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!!
1-SIX, PAWN!
1-TWO, LANCE!
GH ...
THIS IS NOT GOOD I ONLY HAVE A FEW INTERPOSED PIECES LEFT
I CAN'T EVEN DEFEND!?

LOSING AGAINST SUCH A GIRL...
I LOST
URG
SFX DEPRESSED
IT CAN'T BE... FOR ME TO END UP IN SUCH HORRIBLE SHAPE...
I'M REALLY IN A HURRY SO
I HAVE TO HURRY TO DAIMON-KUN FOR THE HINT
THANK GOOD-NESS
IT CAN'T BE...
EH? NO WAY.
SFX SURPRISED
HUH? THAT CROSS ON HIS HAND?
HUH?
SFX RAM


I'LL NEVER RECOVER FROM THIS
BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU THE AGENT?
HE WAS QUITE WEAK, THOUGH

M×O LOGIC DRAWING

Complete this logic drawing to reveal a character of Mx0.
Well then, who could it be? (Refer to M:74 for a way to proceed.
The answer is on p186)

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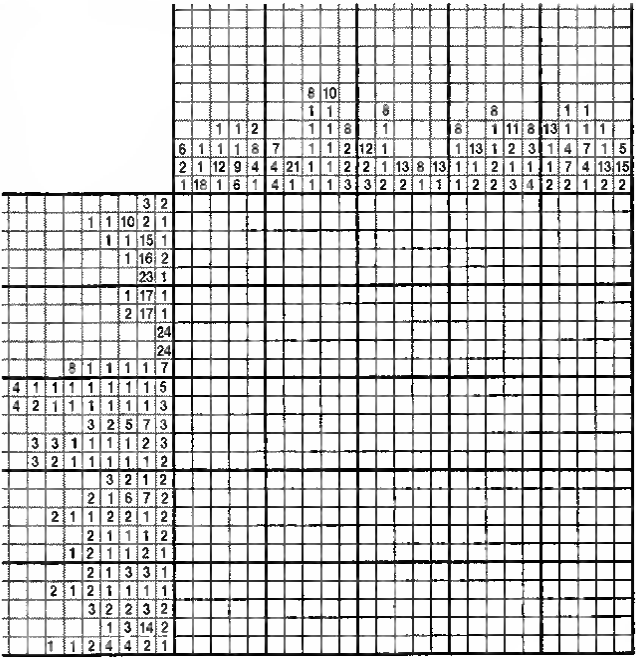

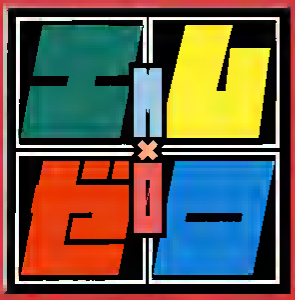

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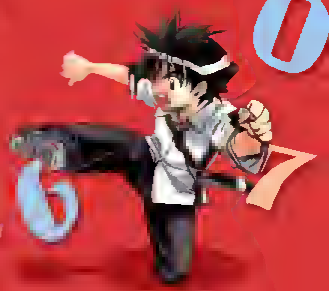

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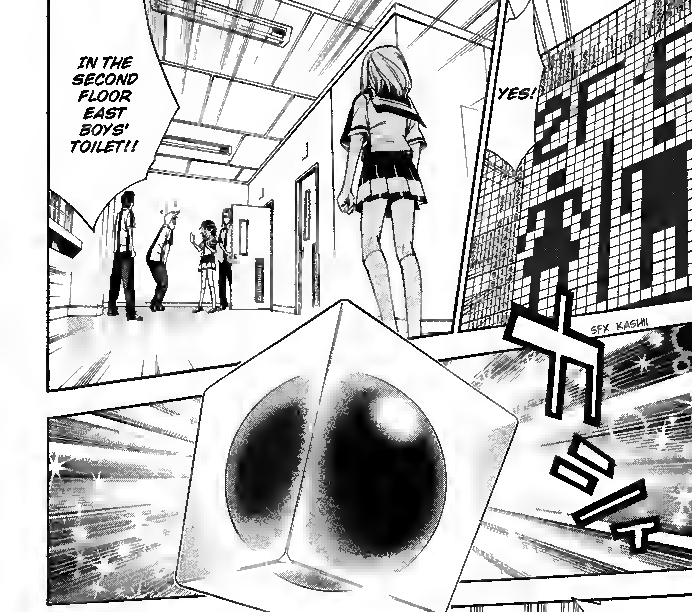
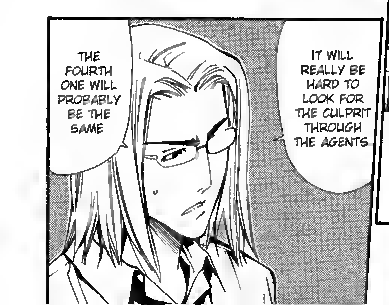

IN THE SECOND FLOOR EAST BOYS' TOILET!!
YES!
2F-E
SFX KASHI
カシャ

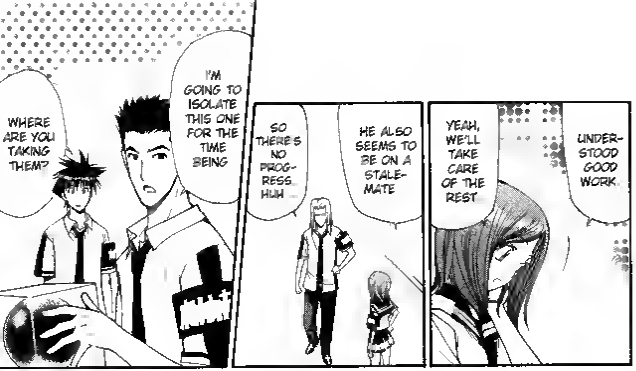
YES IT SEEMS HE ALSO GOT INSTRUC-TIONS IN AN E-MAIL
AND SO? THE SHOUGI CLUB'S GUY WAS ALSO AN UNRELATED PERSON?
JUST ONE MORE LEFT!!
GREAT!! WITH THIS WE HAVE THREE BLAST BALLS!!


THE FOURTH ONE WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME
IT WILL REALLY BE HARD TO LOOK FOR THE CULPRIT THROUGH THE AGENTS

THE INFO FOR THE LAST CONFRONTATION IS PROBABLY IN THIS ONE
THERE WEREN'T ANY MESSAGES IN THE SECOND CRANIUM
SO WHAT ARE THE NEXT INSTRUCTIONS?
CUT IT OUT ALREADY, HURRY UP AND SPILL IT!!
HI HI HI
AT LAST, IT'S TIME FOR THE FINAL CONFRONTATION.
IT WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR HAS BEEN FOR NOTHING.
YOU ARE DOING UNEXPECTEDLY WELL.
IF YOU HEAR THIS, IT MEANS THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT.
MAGIC-1 GRAND PRIX SECOND YEAR SECTION !!!
THE LAST CONFRONTATION IS AT THE EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE CULTURE FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
AND I WILL DECIDE WHO WILL BE THE OPPONENT!!!

!!!
I WAS DESIG-NATED?
IT'S ALREADY PAST 2PM...
IT'S JUST A LITTLE MORE TILL THE CULTURE FESTIVAL ENDS
WE HAVE TO OVER-COME THIS SOMEHOW...
UNDERSTOOD. THE MA-1 GP GYMNASIUM, RIGHT?

I STILL DON'T HAVE ANY CLUES
I MET ALL THE PEOPLE FROM THE SUSPICIOUS GROUP BUT
NONE OF THEM HAD ANY SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE
I INVESTIGATED THE FIRST AGENT TAKAMI FROM 2-D'S MAIL LOG BUT THE MAIL ITSELF HAD BEEN ERASED
THERE WERE A FEW MESSAGES, BUT THOSE WERE PROBABLY MAIL FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS...
BUT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SELECT AN OPPONENT PRESENT IN THE SCHOOL FROM THE OUTSIDE


WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THEM?
I'M GOING TO ISOLATE THIS ONE FOR THE TIME BEING
SO THERE'S NO PROGRESS. HUH...
HE ALSO SEEMS TO BE ON A STALEMATE
YEAH, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
UNDERSTOOD. GOOD WORK.

TO THE TREE OVER THERE! ON THE FAR EDGE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
IF THEY WERE TO EXPLODE, THERE WOULDN'T BE MUCH DAMAGE THERE...

IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE CULPRIT'S MOTIVES.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE CULPRIT THAT MADE SO MANY PREPARATIONS WOULD JUST WITHDRAW WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING
I WONDER IF IT WILL END WITHOUT ANYTHING HAPPENING
BUT... EVEN IF WE SAFELY FIND ALL FOUR BLAST BALLS

BUT IF IT'S TO TROUBLE SOMEONE IN THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
HE MAY HAVE PLANNED TO NOT MAKE THE BLAST BALLS EXPLODE FROM THE BEGINNING
IF HE IS A GUY WHO JUST WANTS TO MESS UP THE CULTURE FESTIVAL, THE ANSWER WOULD BE NO
I THOUGHT I WAS SKILLED WITH MAGIC...
SFX FAF
TSU...
SFX HOLDS
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES...
GEEZ, PICKING ON A FIRST YEAR...
AT THE TIME THE SECOND MAGIC EXAM ENDED, I GOT IN THE TOP 10 OF THE GRADE.

I BECAME AWARE OF MY OWN MAGIC SKILLS.
COME WITH ME TO THE ANNEX I'LL HAVE YOU WRITE A REFLECTION LETTER.
ADADA ...
USING MAGIC WITHOUT PERMISSION IS A VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS!!

UNFORTUNATELY, YOU ARE OF NO USE TO US.
BUT...

SO, NATURALLY, I PLANNED ON JOINING THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IF I COMPARED MYSELF TO THOSE WHO WERE ACCEPTED, I DIDN'T THINK OF MYSELF AS INFERIOR TO THEM...
I JUST COULDN'T ACCEPT IT...

GH ...

IT CAN'T BE... WHY?
I THINK MY MAGIC RESULTS ARE GOOD ENOUGH!!
DETAILS ABOUT THE EXAMINATION ARE RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS ONLY. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU.
LET'S JUST SAY THAT AT YOUR CURRENT RANK, YOUR APTITUDES AREN'T SUITABLE.

THIS IS STRANGE!! THEY ABSOLUTELY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT OF MY POWER. WHERE WERE THEY LOOKING!?
THIS CAN'T BE... WHY JUST ME...
What are you doing? You're a first-year, aren't you?
AUGH!
...
SFX: BUOAAH
IF IT'S LIKE THIS, I'LL SHOW THEM THAT I CAN DO THE WORK OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER...
COME, I'LL HAVE YOU WRITE DOWN REFLECTION LETTERS
REALLY? IT CAN'T BE HELPED
THERE WERE PEOPLE USING MAGIC WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION SO I STOPPED THEM!!
AH! SENPAI
WHAT'S ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT?
SFX: HANDS OVER
!!?
Why me, too?
YOU, TOO!! A REFLECTION LETTER

NAGAI, TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
I was just helping out with the executive committee work...
GEEZ—— HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
NON-MEMBERS MUST NOT MEDDLE WITH OUR BUSINESS.
LEAVE THE CONTROL TO US.
IF YOU DO THINGS LIKE THIS... YOU KNOW... YOU ONLY LOWER OUR ASSESSMENT OF YOU.
FOR THE THOUGHT ...I'M THANK-FUL, BUT...
TO BE TREATED AS A VOLUNTEER... BY YOU OFFICIAL MEMBERS?
YOU CAN REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER, THOUGH.
IF YOU WANT TO HELP NO MATTER WHAT... YOU KNOW
I'M WAY ABOVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU!!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME! I HAVE ALL THE POWER NEEDED!
HANG IN THERE MAGIC ELITE
HEY, LOOKING GOOD THERE NAGAI.

THAT YOU MADE A MISTAKE IN YOUR SELECTION OF PEOPLE !!!
JUST WAIT, I'LL MAKE YOU REALIZE SOMEDAY ...!!!
THAT YOU'RE A USELESS BUNCH!
I'LL MAKE YOU UNDER-STAND IT,
WITHOUT FAIL...
SFX: CROWD NOISE
LOOK FORWARD TO THE ENDING
WELL THE CULTURE FESTIVAL WILL END SOON.
THE MA-1 GP SECOND YEAR SECTION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!

SFX CROWD NOISE
MA-15
SIX PLAYERS WILL GET INTO A FIERCE BATTLE INSIDE THIS SPECIAL HEXAGON STAGE WE MADE IN THE MAIN GYMNASIUM ～～～!!!
WHO WILL BE THE STRONGEST MAGIC USER ～～～～～?
SFX WHOOO
HERE ARE THE SIX PARTICIPANTS!! SINCE IT WAS REALLY UP TO US THE STEERING COMMITTEE TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION THEIR SKILLS TO PICK THE PARTICIPANTS AMONG THE ONES WHO WANTED TO JOIN――!!
YOU SKIPPED YOUR WORK TO JOIN AN EVENT? THAT'S UNUSUAL
SUCH GOOD PREPARATIONS
MY NAME HAD ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED

ISE!
WHAT HAPPENED? TO HAVE YOU JOIN SUCH A THING
NO IT'S NOTHING ! JUST WANT TO TRY PARTICIP-ATING
THAT'S FINE
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RUNNING AROUND WITH SCARY EYES ALL MORNING. I GUESSED THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING ON
WELL, IT DOESN'T CONCERN ME RIGHT?
ALL RIGHT PLEASE STAND BY
THERE ARE FIVE RINGS IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS AREA
WE MADE THEM SO THAT THE PLAYERS CANNOT DO ANY-THING TO THEM.
IF YOU GET TRAPPED INSIDE AND YOU ARE UNABLE TO MOVE, YOU LOSE AND MUST LEAVE THE AREA.
OUT

THE LAST PERSON REMAINING WINS wwww!!!
THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS INSIDE THE HEXAGON, YOU CAN FREELY USE YOUR MAGIC TO DEFEAT YOUR OPPONENTS.
THE AGENT IN THIS CONFRONTATION MUST BE THAT CROSS GUY
THE ONE REMAINING WINS...
BUT IN MY CASE, IT'S DIFFERENT...
GETS TRAPPED BEFORE ME...
I WIN!!!
IF... THAT GUY...

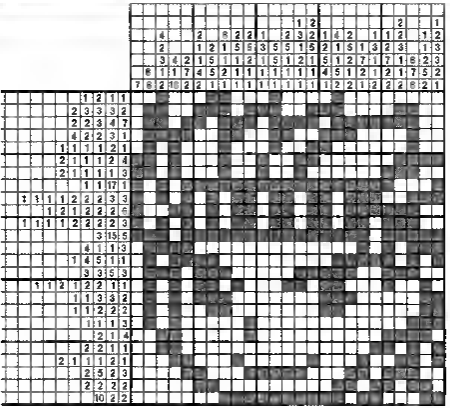
WHILE THE BRANCH CHIEF IS DOING HIS BEST, I HAVE TO LOOK FOR SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE...
THIS IS THE LAST CONFRONTATION SO THE CULPRIT MIGHT BE IN THE CROWD——
DON'T BE STUPID THE OTHERS ARE STRONG TOO
HAS THIS MATCH ALREADY BEEN SETTLED BEFORE IT BEGINS ?
BUT FOR NAGAI TO COME...
ISE AND NAGAI ARE THE TOP 2 OF THE SECOND YEARS
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING
WATCHING AS AN IDLE SPECTATOR
SFX WHOOO
THEY WON'T BE CARELESS.
THEY ALSO KNOW ABOUT THOSE TWO
SFX CLANG
STAAART~~~!!!
AND NOW~~~!!!

LET'S GO ～～～ !!!
ALL RIGHT ——!!!
ドドド

LET'S GET HIM IN ONE SHOT!!
SFX: TENSION RISING
SORRY TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE BUT— I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GOING ALONG WITH THIS
ROCKY HORROR STAGE !!!!

8 The targeted Culture Festival (End)

M×O LOGIC ORAWING SOLUTION



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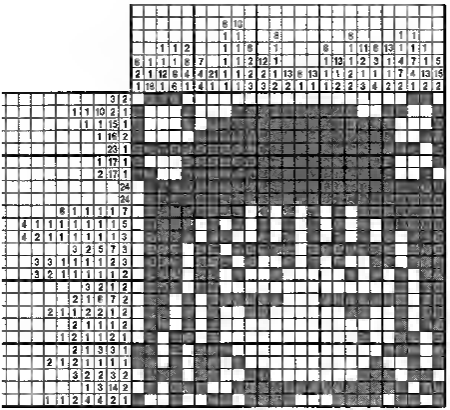

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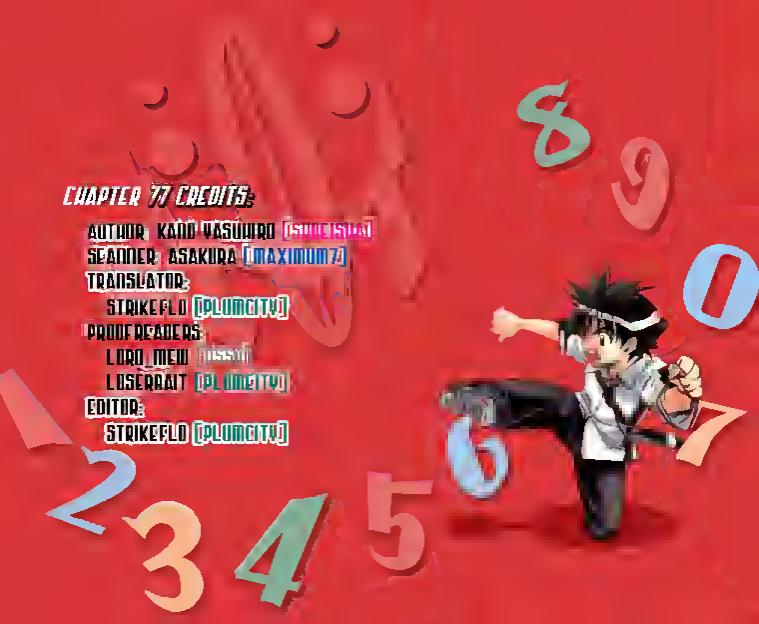
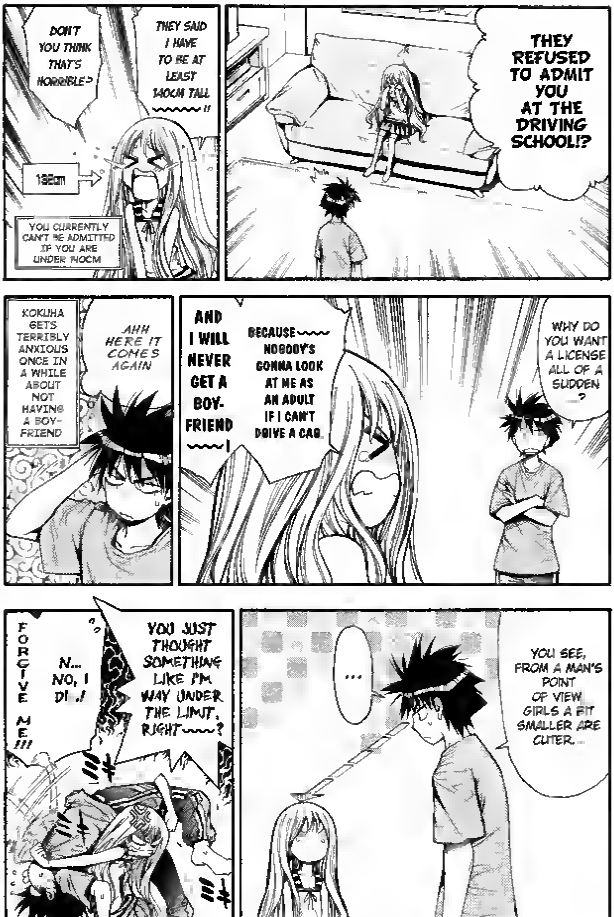


EXTRA CHAPTER

THE "KUZUMI KOKUHA IS KUZUMI TAIGA'S ONEE-CHAN, IS 19 YEARS OLD AND ONLY 132CM TALL, BUT IS RIDICULOUSLY STRONG..." CHAPTER.


DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S HORRIBLE?
THEY SAID I HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 140CM TALL!!
150cm
YOU CURRENTLY CAN'T BE ADMITTED IF YOU ARE UNDER 140CM
THEY REFUSED TO ADMIT YOU AT THE DRIVING SCHOOL!?
KOKUHA GETS TERRIBLY ANXIOUS ONCE IN A WHILE ABOUT NOT HAVING A BOY-FRIEND
AHH HERE IT COMES AGAIN
AND I WILL NEVER GET A BOY-FRIEND!
BECAUSE NOBODY'S GONNA LOOK AT ME AS AN ADULT IF I CAN'T DRIVE A CAR.
WHY DO YOU WANT A LICENSE ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
FORGIVE ME!!!
N... NO, I DI..!
YOU JUST THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE I'M WAY UNDER THE LIMIT, RIGHT...?
...
YOU SEE, FROM A MAN'S POINT OF VIEW, GIRLS A BIT SMALLER ARE CUTER...
SFX: CREAK

AFTER THAT SPECIAL TRAINING HER PUNCHES GOT ONE STEP STRONGER PLEASE SPARE ME!!
NO! LET'S NOT DO THAT ONE.
THAT ONLY INCREASED YOUR ARM STRENGTH
NGAAA
JUST 8CM MORE..!! MAYBE I SHOULD TRY THE SUSPENDED FORCED BACK STRETCHING SPECIAL TRAINING I DID BEFORE..
40kg rice sacks
SFX: BOOM
WHAT'S THE POINT OF ME GETTING A LICENSE!?
Then, a side-car will be fine! Hurry and get a bike license!!
BUT THEN, YOU'D JUST BE A PASSENGER, WOULDN'T YOU?
NO, NO!! I WANT TO DRIVE A CAR
THEN, PULL ME ON A RICKSHAW, TAIGA!!
THAT UNPRODUCTIVE QUARREL BETWEEN BROTHER AND SISTER HAPPENS ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS IN THE KUZUMI FAMILY.
WA
PROPER ADULTS DON'T TALK ABOUT MAGIC OR OTHER DAYDREAMY THINGS LIKE THAT—
THOUGH IT'S NOT A DREAM
WA
GYA GYA
WHAT A USELESS BROTHER
REALLY!
GEEZ~~ THEN USE MAGIC AND MAKE ME BIGGER!

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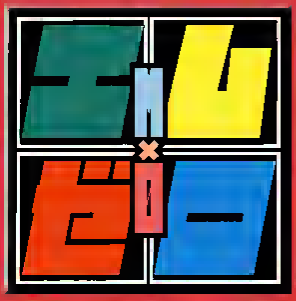

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